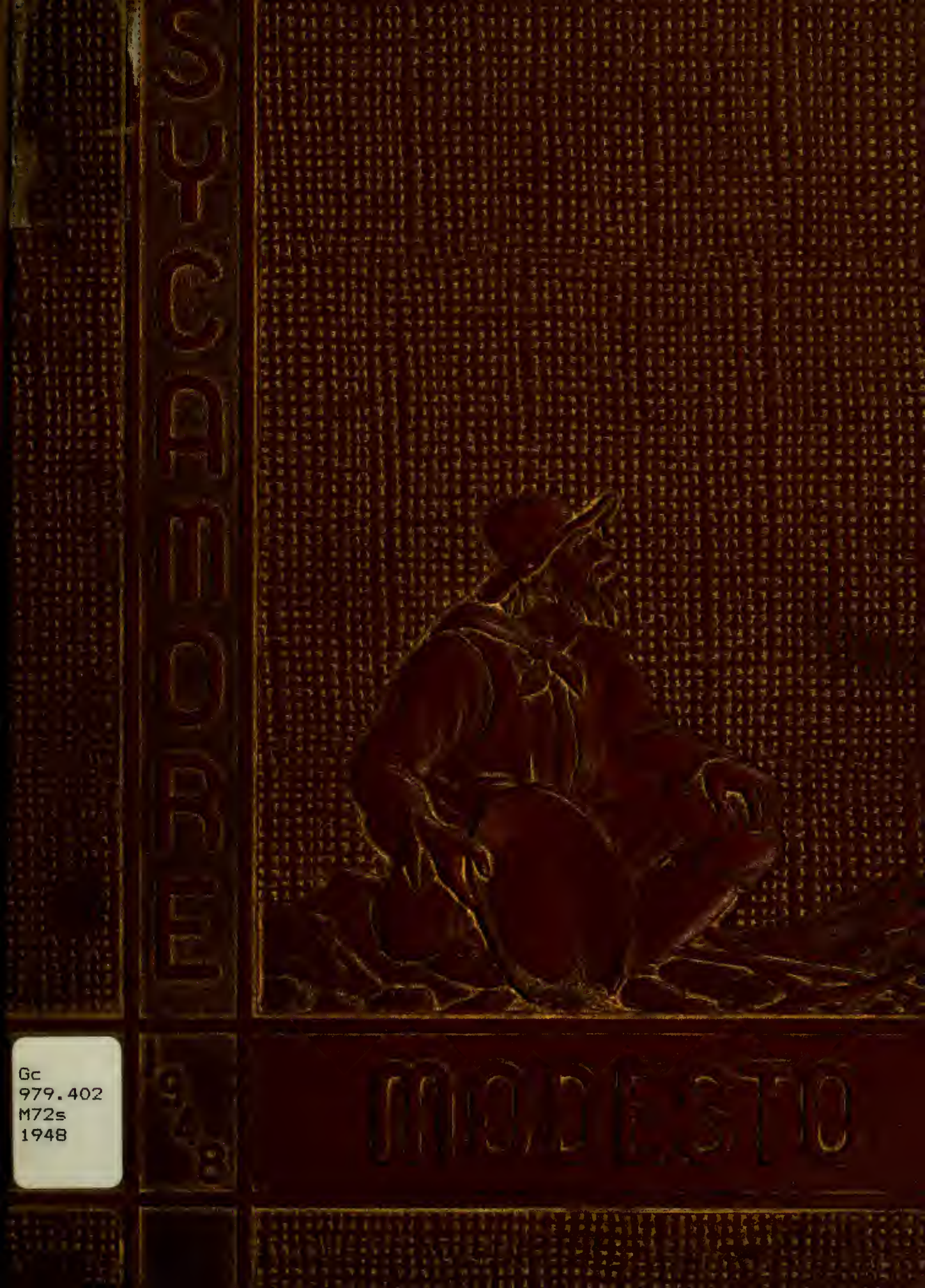


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Good luck to a swell cousin who hope will always close to me
David Gish
-48-

To one of my best pals and swell and real friend during our years in high school together.
Eugene Gibson
'48

**SPECIAL HONOR**—Pius Scheuber, left, director of agriculture, Modesto High School, presents the Garrison Award, a $200 cash grant, to John Pogue, retiring president, Modesto Chapter, Future Farmers of America, during the spring awards barbecue at the Modesto Junior College agricultural patio recently. The award may be used toward furthering the recipients education or improving his farming project. It is presented by Mrs. Virginia Garrison Belt, Downey High School dean of girls, on behalf of her parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Garrison. During the program, Richard Vermeulen was presented the medal designating him the star chapter farmer. 1965 Bee Photo

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A century has marched by since the discovery of gold lured adventurers to California. With many of these treasure-seekers came wives and children. This called for the building of schools. As the population became more permanent, there came a demand for more schools —better schools, and this set the precedent for our present intricate system of education. From a beginning in a tiny wooden schoolhouse, like the ones of 1848, Modesto High School sprang into existence.

Just as the golden state of California grew, so did our school system. The discovery of gold "made" California. It brought citizens, enterprize, and prosperity.

Following these beginnings came a new civilization. Where there had once been sandy desolation, there came irrigation, fertile fields, and prosperity for the farmers, the traders, and the builders.

Thus, this early wooden schoolhouse grew to new proportions, in keeping with the growth of California.

Still California is a land of discovery. Here, in our schools, new treasure-seekers dig the rich veins of learning, art, manual skills, friendship—all the rich gold of better living.

The spirit of the adventurers will never die as long as our schools challenge our minds to seek, to profit by experience, and to conquer.

# FOREWORD

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# IN MEMORIAM

*Anita Mae Truelsen*

*To the men and women of 1848*

*- - whose vision, spirit, courage, and perseverance*

*carved a golden state out of a wilderness - -*

*this book is respectfully dedicated.*

With the advancing years, memories tend to become our most cherished possessions. Old friends seem to grow in stature, and the memories of our youth take on a deeper significance.

It is because of this that your school yearbook will increase in value with the passing years. What amuses you today, as you leaf through its pages, will have a far richer meaning when viewed from the vantage point of more mature years.

To those of you who are graduating, I want to wish the maximum fulfillment of your every hope and dream. It is the sincere hope of the people of your school that your experiences at Modesto High School have been both pleasant and profitable.

L. L. JONES
*Principal*

BOARD OF EDUCATION: left to right: Dr. E. F. Soderstrom, Mr. E. E. Abbott, Mrs. A. J. Sturtevant, Mr. James H. Corson, Mr. John B. Beard, Mrs. G. W. Everett, and Mr. Jack Wherry.

# EXTRA

The Board of Education, headed by Dr. E. F. Soderstrom, has done much in the past term toward the building of new school buildings and classrooms. Assisted by Mrs. A. J. Sturtevant, Mrs. G. W. Everett, Mr. John Beard, and Mr. Jack Wherry, the Board cooperated with the city in carrying out the recreation program, special classes, and other activities to meet the needs and responsibilities of education.

The 1947-1948 calendar for the Modesto Parent-Teacher Association was a full one. The activities included a series of lectures by Dr. Evelyn Berger. The lectures were presented to the parents with the cooperation of the Adult Education Department, the Modesto High School Student Body, the Kiwanis Club, and the Rainbow Mother's Club. These lectures were the P. T. A.'s initial effort to accomplish their goal of understanding the best route in guiding young people toward a well-balanced life.

The P. T. A. theme for the year was "We travel forward with youth."

The president of the organization is Mrs. Carl Ogden.

The following people keep the office running smoothly throughout the school year. Sally Harader is the Office Supervisor and Registrar. Gwen Olson is secretary to Mr. Jones, Miss Davis, Mr. Elliott, Mr. Maley, and Miss Beyer. Georgia Pallios is secretary to Miss Ahlberg, Mr. Diehl Mr. Berry, Miss Moser, and Mr. Nielsen.

June Fagotti is the PBX Operator, and Mae Baker is a clerk.

Zoe Rogers and Martha Holmberg are in the Attendance Department.

Officers and committee chairmen of the Modesto High School Parent-Teacher Association are: front row, left to right: Mrs. Beyer, Mrs. Katherine Mattox, Mrs J. M. Reinertson, Mrs. Carl Ogden, Mrs. R. W. Krohn, Mrs. Floyd Waldon, Mrs. G. W. Everett, and Mrs. Floyd Johnson. Back row: Mrs. Herman Carroll, Mr. Robert Elliott, Mr. Cyril Collett, Mr. Anthony Middleton, Mrs. Fred Condit, and Mrs. Mattie Streeter.

OFFICE STAFF: left to right: June Fagotti, Gwen Olson, Georgia Pallios, Martha Holmberg, Zoe Rogers, Sally Harader, and May Baker.

# CURRICULAR

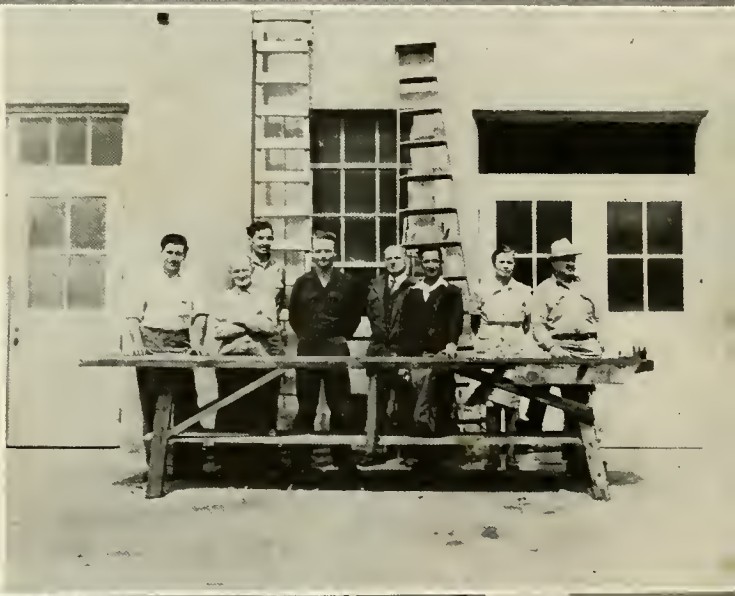
The bus drivers have the tremendous job of transportating 1200 students to and from the school every school day. Their working hours are from 7:00 a. m. to 4:45 p. m. Supervisor of Transportation is L. H. Philbrook. Chief Mechanic in charge of the busses is Clarence Kehrer. Drivers and their respective busses are as follows: Ciccarelli, 1; Borland, 13; Reynolds, 2; Larsen, 15; Ruth White, 16; Bob White, 17; Storer, 18; Lilly, 19; Morrow, 20; Randall 28; Chester Fish, 29, (Route Manager); Zetta Fish, 30; Phoenix, 31; Adams, 32; Anderson, 33; Griffiths, 39.

Truman Hand and his staff of Custodians have the job of keeping the campus clean and in good repair. The part of Mr. Hand's staff which is placed in the building includes Paul Bennett, Fred C. Bortner, Martin Brunswick, G. W. Roberts, Anthony Tomao, and Eddie Vargas. Albert De Simone and Harley Hyatt are the gardeners, Byron Gunder is in charge of the tool room.

The efficiently run Modesto High Cafeteria is presided over by Mrs. Mattie Streeter and her staff. They are required to appear at work at six thirty or seven a. m. to start preparing the food to serve the 1500 people who eat here daily. The staff is aided by about thirty Home Making girls for one period of the day and ten student helpers during the lunch periods.

Mrs. Streeter's helpers are Stella Gillette, Zella Wright, Maifen Jones, Irene Armentrout, Tye Potter, Katherine Gibson, Donna Wesselschmidt, and Erma Hosmer.

BUS DRIVERS: front row, "Leftie". Front row seated; left to right: William Palmtag, Lew Philbrook, Clarence Kehrer, Tom Sorensen. Middle Row: Ruth White, Thelma Dorland, Dorothy Griffiths, L. Anderson, Mr. Fish Mrs. Fish, Leo Ciccarelli, Walter Storer. Back Row: Selmer Larsen, John Morrow, John Adams, Dale Randall, Carl Phoenix, Bob White. Not Pictured: Charles Reynolds.



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THE CAFETERIA STAFF: left to right: Mrs. Mattie Streeter, Mrs. Stella Gillette, Mrs. Maifen Jones, Mrs. Katherine Gibson, Mrs. Tye Potter, Mrs. Irene Armentrout, Mrs. Zella Wright.

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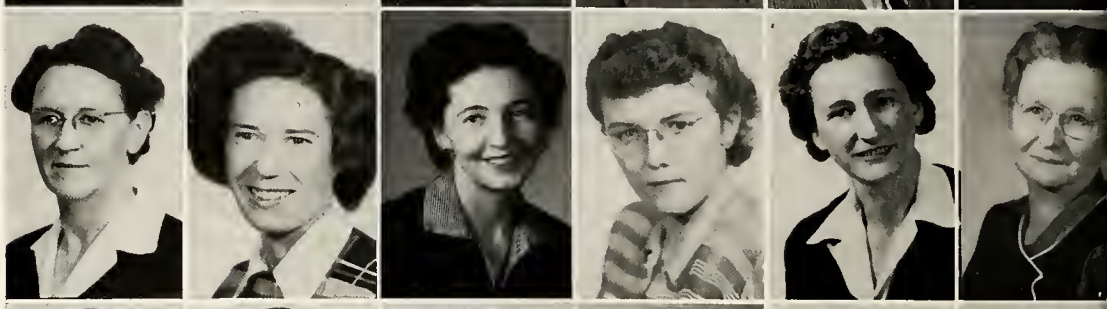

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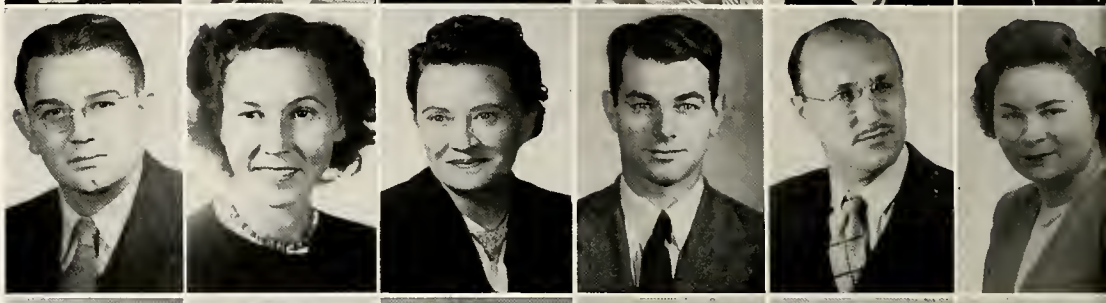

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Mrs. Hazel Hoover

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Miss Audrey Jacobs
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Mr. Sibley Bush, Jr.
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Miss Jennie Cowan
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Mr. Sam Poston
Mr. Edward Steele
Mr. G. Browning Rowe
Mr. Ernest Tarone
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Mrs. Esther Volz

# GRADUATES

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*Administrators*

*Senior Personalities*

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St. James' Church
Sonora, California

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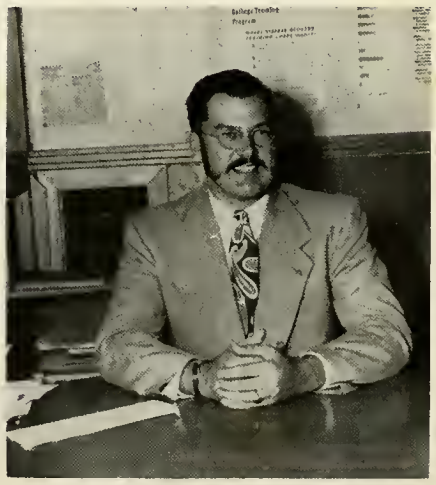

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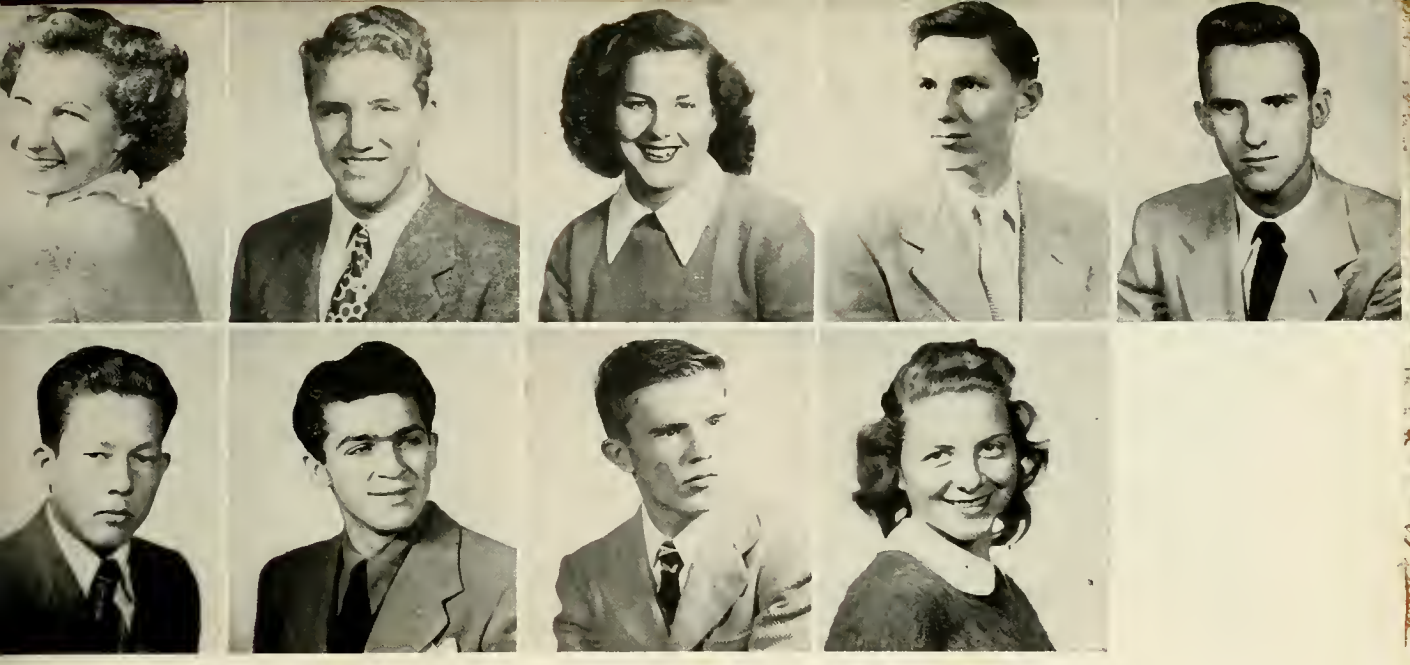


FIRST ROW: Jeneane Woodridge, Lyndell Woodbridge, Ruby Lea Wright, Gerald Young, Harold Glen Young.

SECOND ROW: Marcus Carlyle Young, Robert Bruce Young, Jake Zaiger, Allene Zwiebel.

NOT PICTURED: Walter Edward Adams, Harold Alexander, Thomas Allison, Dolores Alves, Ralph Bambaeigno, Bill Beezley, Jack Blythe, Beverly Brown, Ted Chatterton, Philip Christian, Ernest Davis, Betty Ann Doughty, Frances Dunn, Marvin Eller, Waymon Floyd, Lloyd Forlines, James Foust, Dormea Frazier, James Guinn, Elden Gumtow, Irene Harvey, John Katen Henriques, Joseph Henry Hertle, Wesley Hinkson, Nesta Geraldine Holden, Bill Lane, William Lewis, Earle Lee Loving, Glenn Elden Lucas, F. Roy Ludwell Mary Frances Mabrey, Cyrus McCormack, Phil McCormick, James Arnold Paioni, Vito Pantaleo, Charles L. Perkins, Barbara Powell, Virginia Mae Rea, Lewis Reavis, Molly Rios, Willis Rose, Wilfred Peter Rusca, John Rushford, Robert Sherburn, Mary Lou Slater, Wilburn Steeley, Richard Allen Stein, Doris Jean Stowers, Shirley Colleen Taylor, Ruth Weast, David Wesson, Luella White, Charles Wilson, Rita Wright.

BEST SMILE: Connie Bowman and Bob Ustick

BEST DRESSED: Holly Heimann and Bob Young

# SENIOR

SMARTEST: Marian Phoenix and Glen Sauls

LAZIEST: Pete Hartman, Not Pictured, Lee Freitas

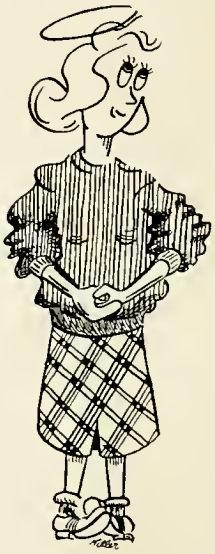
BEST LOOKING: Pat Junker and Joe Venturini

BEST LINE: Barbara Powell and Bill Armell

BEST ATHLETE: Floriene Hand and Ed Rotticci

# STARS

APPLE POLISHERS: Pat Mikkelson and Kirby Throckmorton



BEST ALL AROUND: Pat McGee and Russ Reynolds

WITTIEST: Margaret McCabe and Gardner Smith

# EXECUTIVE

*Freshman Class Officers*

*Sophomore Class Officers*

*Junior Class Officers*

*Senior Class Officers*

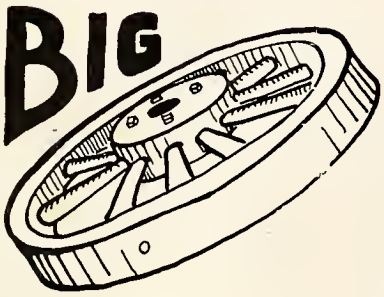
*Executive Committeemen*

Old Court House
Snelling, California

President GLEN SAULS

Glen Sauls was elected to preside over the seniors during the start of their final year. The Seniors were not too active in this semester, but they had a fine group of officers. To help Glen was Louis Lee, who was vice president. Evelyn Johnson was the class secretary, while Pat Miller was their treasurer. Con-

# SENIORS




nie Bowman was the song leader and Bill Riddle filled the office of yell leader. The class representative was Phil Soderstrom. The Senior class voted to present to the school a round council table as the class memorial. This will be used for meetings in the new school building.

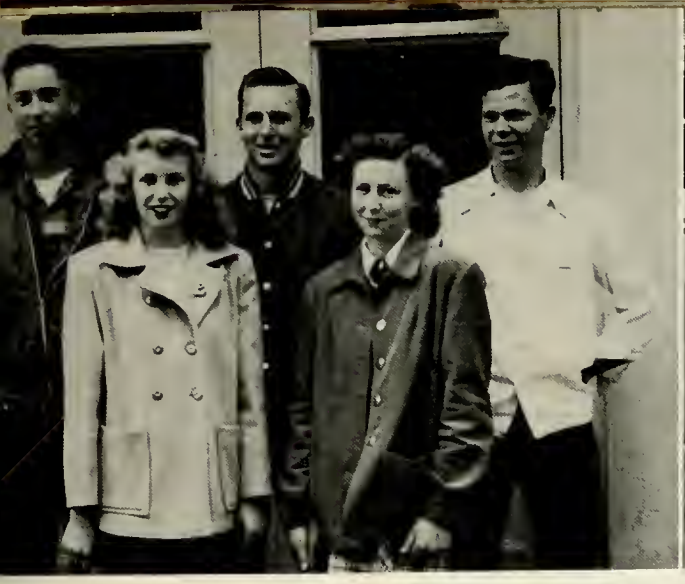
Selected as president from the junior class of the fall semester was Armour Smith. The class was very active as they were in charge of concessions at several football games. They also presented a skit during a rally and were in charge of an assembly. To help lead the class, Armour had as vice president Cecil Ritz. Yvonne Hand took care of the class books while Joice Johnson was the treasurer. Kenny Geist was the class yell leader and Barbara Leiter was their song leader.

President ARMOUR SMIT
Vice President CECIL RI

# JUNIORS

Representative PHIL SODERSTROM and
Yell Leader BILL RIDDLE

Top: Yell Leader KENNY GEIST and Secretary YVONNE HA
Treasurer JOICE JOHNSON and Yell Leader BARBARA LEITE



SOPH SPRING OFFICERS: Left to right: Secretary Mike Kline, Song Leader Donna Messamer, Representative Bob McMath, Treasurer Virginia Stewart, and Yell Leader Bill Ringer.

FROSH SPRING OFFICERS: Left to right: Ronnie Freitas, Beverly Cole, Buddy Eidschun, Anita Swanson and Erle Wilbur.

The Sophomore class, under the leadership of president Bud Gorman and adviser Miss Cummins, was very active during the Spring semester. They gave a joint dance and assembly with the Freshman class. It was said to have been the best of the year. The dance decorations were very good with a centennial effect. There were jazz and dreamy music furnished by one of Mehegan's famous juke-boxes. It was a great success and everyone had a wonderful time.

The other officers of the Sophomore class also did a great job. The vice presidency was filled by Barbara Evans. The class secretary was Mike Kline, and the treasurer job was held by Virginia Stewart. Song and yell leaders were Donna Messamer and Bill Ringer. Their representative to the student body was Bob McMath.

# SOPHOMORES

BUD GORMAN, President

BARBARA EVANS, Vice President

For the Spring semester the president of the Freshman class was Bill Miller, with Miss Trachiotis as the adviser. During this semester the Freshman class was very active. Bill had a fine group to help him lead the class this semester. Fritzie Earle was the vice president, Beverly Cole was the class secretary, while Buddy Eidschun held the office of treasurer. Yell and song leaders were Erle Wilbur and Anita Swanson, while Ronnie Freitas was the class representative.

BILL MILLER, President

FRITZ EARLE, Vice President

# FRESHMEN

# Frosh

During the fall semester Dave Abel was elected to the office of class president.

The Freshman and Sophomore classes gave a joint candy sale, which was a great success. They also had charge of the concessions for one of the football games. Usually during the fall semester the Freshmen are not so active as they are just getting accustomed to the school. Dave's fellow class officers were lots of help to him. The vice president was Jackie Clark, while Marcia Ensley was secretary. LaVern Streeter was in charge of the class money, and Don Lee was the representative. Marilyn Davis and Larry Young were song and yell leaders.

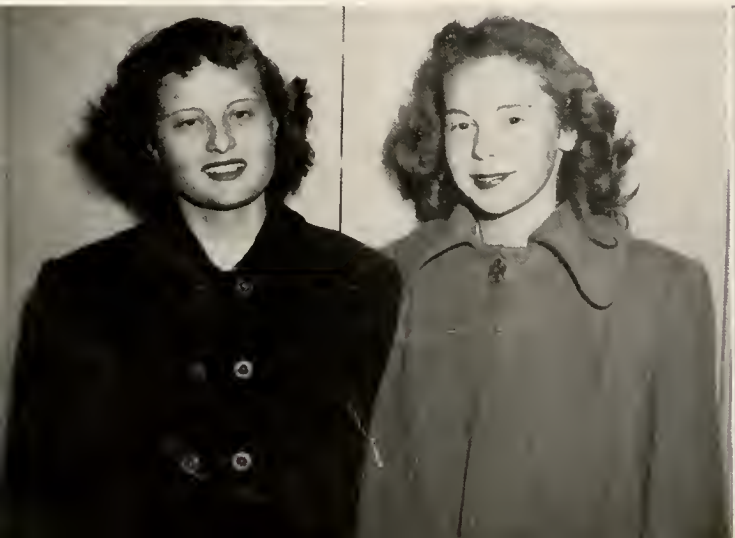
Freshman Class Fall President, DAVID ABEL

# Sophs

Holding the office of president during the fall was Mike Kline. Burton Pike was vice president and Virginia Stewart was secretary. In charge of the class treasury was Donna Messamer, and Ronnie Litke filled the office of representative. Bob Davis was chosen as yell leader and Barbara Bauer was song leader. The sophomore class also had concessions at one of the football games, and did a great job with the candy sale that was given jointly with the freshman class. The sophomores were very active in the school activities this semester and hope to be as active in the future.

Sophomore Class Fall President, MIKE KLINE

Freshman Class Fall Song Leader, MARILYN DAVIS Secretary, MARCIA ENSLEY.

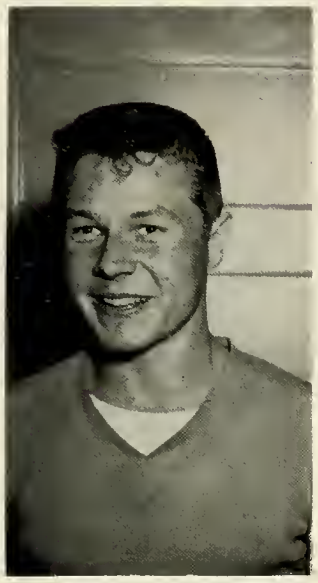


Sophomore Class Officers: left to right: Vice President BURTON PIKE; song leader, BARBARA BAUER; Representative, RONNIE LITKE; Treasurer, DONNA MESSAMER; President, MIKE KLINE; and Secretary, VIRGINIA STEWART.

# Juniors

The biggest dance of the year was the Junior-Senior Prom, the dance which the junior class annually gives for the graduating seniors. The dance, which was held on May 22, featured the theme "Stardust", after the ever-popular Hoagy Carmichael song. The juniors and seniors danced from nine to one to the music of Jack Stewart and his orchestra. Cecil Ritz, junior class president, appointed Denton Williams, Marilyn Graham, Carolyn Schoenfeld, and Betty Powell to the dance committee. The class adviser helping with the dance was Miss Peggy Presto.

CECIL RITZ
Spring President

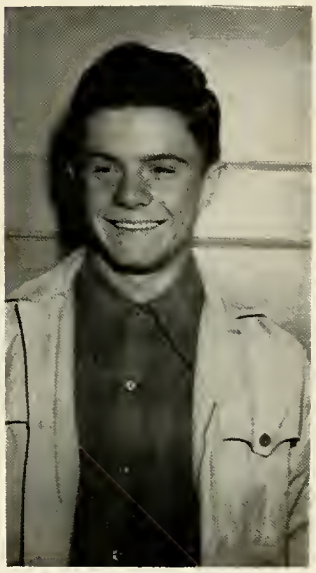


# Seniors

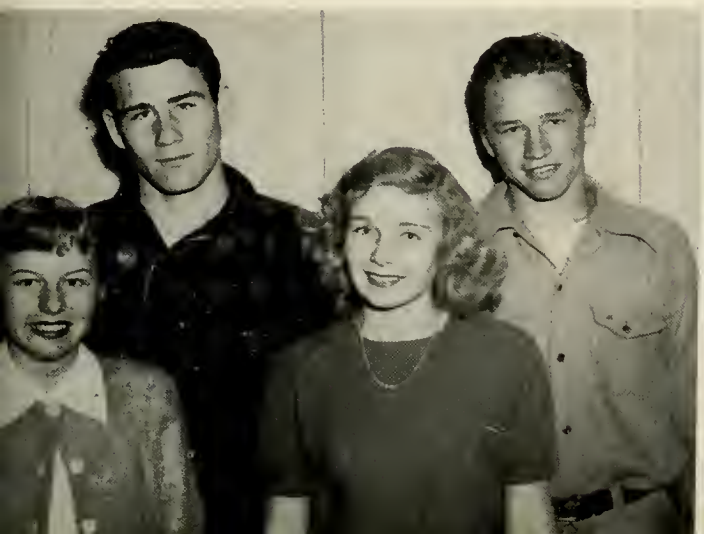
As the graduating class, the seniors participated in the usual activities, by doing things to say farewell to the school, and to each other. The main events were the Senior Banquet, Senior Day at the Old Hearst Ranch, Baccalaureate, and last but not least, Graduation.

The Prom, tendered by the juniors, was another high point in the seasonal affairs of the class.

BOB DAVIS
Spring President



Left to right: Marilyn Graham, Denton Williams, Betty Powell, Kenneth Geist.



Left to right: Representative John Martel, Song Leader Beverly Button, Vice president Bill Armell, Yell Leader Tom Johnson.

President BOB L. MILLER

The Fall Executive Committee followed a varied pattern of activities. The Committee started off the season's activities with the first football dance, called the "Pittsburg Pile-Up". It was held after a practice game with Pittsburg.

The Executive Committee carried on the projects of selling student body cards and rooters caps throughout the semester, and succeeded in the attempt.

Secretary DONNA VALPEY and Treasurer ED HAYES

Broadcast Co-editors RUDY SANFILIPPO and BILL SIMMONS
Sycamore editor DONNA MERRILL

Under the able leadership of Bob L. Miller, the group passed requisitions for student body funds, and decided other important problems.

The most important thing started by the Committee was the School Traffic Patrol, or patrol of the halls. This plan is operated with volunteers from the study halls.

Left to right. Donna Merrill, Ed Hayes, Vice President Bob Davis, Rudy Sanfilippo, Bob L. Miller, Bill Simmons, Craftsmen representative Gary Parker, Donna Valpey, Business Manager Richard Janopaul

Secretary PAT BRUBAKER
Treasurer PAT McGEE

The most important thing planned by the Spring Executive Committee was Frolic Day, on May 14. In keeping with the Centennial, the theme was the Gold Rush Days. Erle Wilbur was elected mayor of the "one-hoss town," and the sherriff and posse were elected to halt law-breakers.

President BOB M. MILLER

Left to right: Pat McGee, Vice President Bill Riddle, Business Manager Kenneth McGee, Bob M. Miller, Rudy Sanfilippo, Pat Brubaker, Yell Leader Gordon Born, Song Leader Pat Junker.

The Executive Committee sent two representatives to a meeting of student councils in Fresno in April. The purpose of this was to determine whether or not Modesto High should become a member of the Student Council organization.

Bob M. Miller was President of the Committee for the Spring Semester.

Broadcast Editor RUDY SANFILIPPO and Sycamore Editor DONNA MERRILL.

# SPORTS

## Girls' Sports

Girls' Athletic Association

## Boys' Sports

Football

Basketball

Track

Baseball

Tennis

Golf

## Sportsnaps

Baker.
Columbia, California

# Girls' Athletic Association

## fall officers

Mary Look, 9th rep.; Lois Parkinson, 10th rep.; Louise Bourriague, 11th rep.

Valeta Cooney, Basketball Mgr.; Betty High, Hockey Mgr.; Bobbie Gillaspie, Yell-leader.

Yvonne Hand, Sec.-Treas.

Ruth Kizer, Vice-Pres.

Floriene Hand, President

## spring officers

Yvonne Hand, Vice-Pres.

Mary Serra, President

Betty Bray, Yell-leader

Bobby Gillaspi Sec.-Treas.

Betty Smith, Softball Mgr.; Pat Hammer, Volleyball Mgr.; Pat Meintasis, Speedball Mgr.

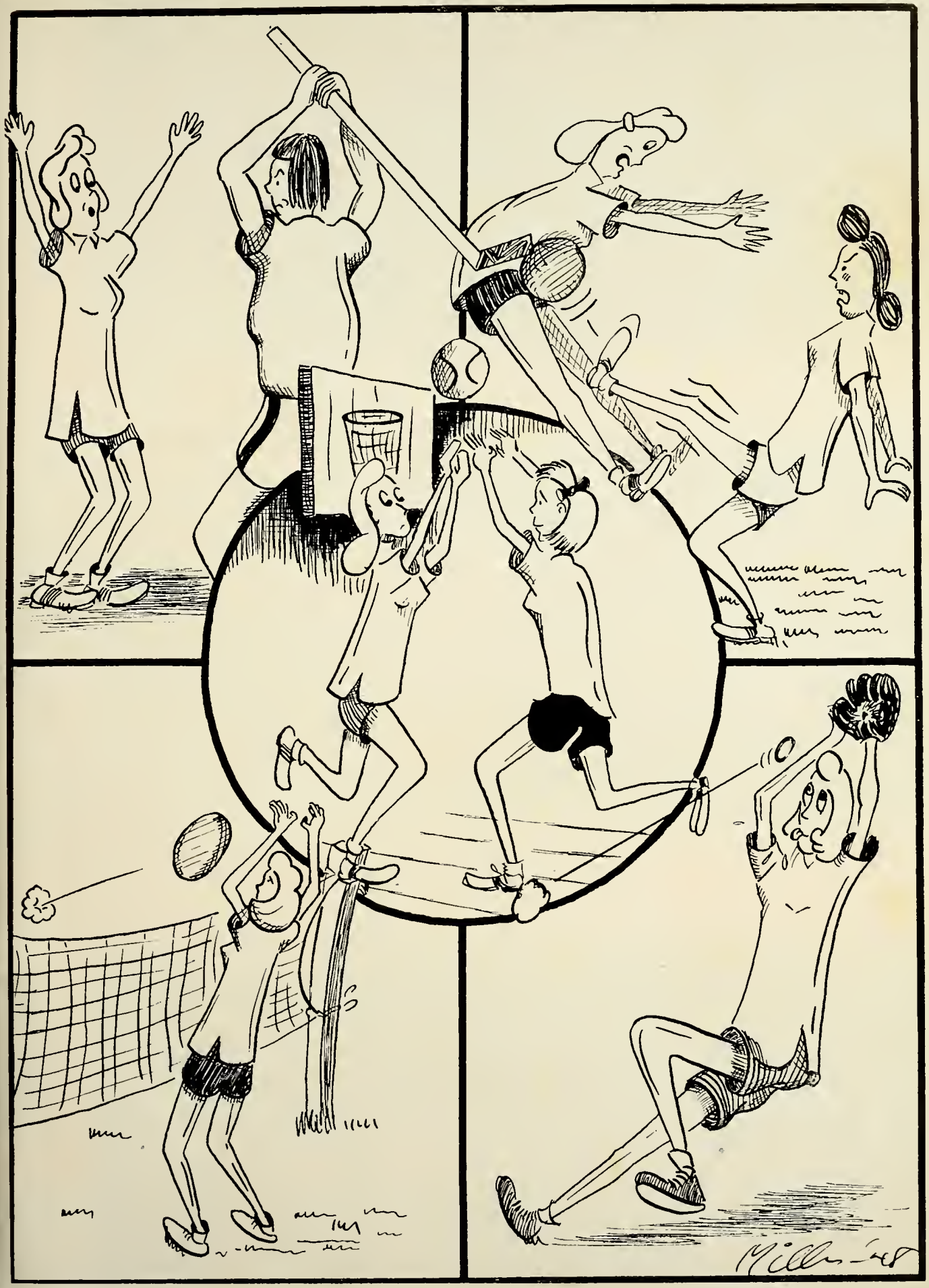
Ramona Pineula, 9th co-rep.

Carol Rafter, 9th co-rep.

Valeta Cooney, 10th rep.

Lila Rager, 11th rep.

Pat McGee, 12th rep.



Get a good look girls. Oh! my head. How'd he get here? When did girls play football? Miss Marilyn Pleisch Miss Dorothy Boylan

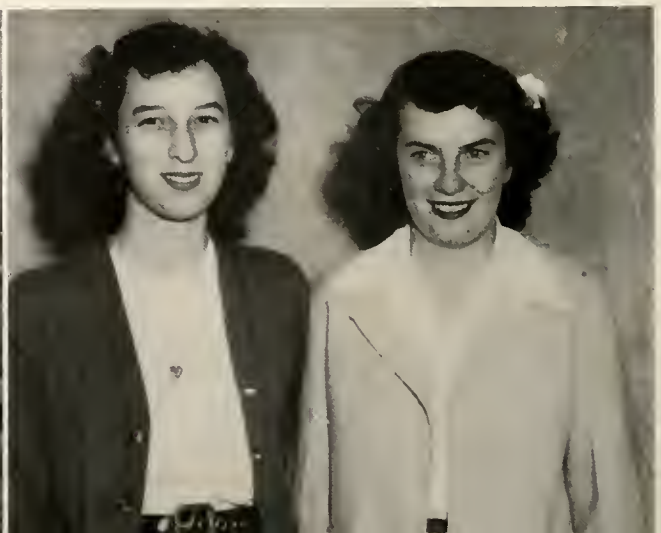
Champion Basketball Team

# FALL

The Modesto High School Girls' Athletic Association, under the leadership of President Floriene Hand and Adviser Marilyn Pleisch, started the year out with a bang. The first sport of the year was hockey. Under the supervision of Miss Pleisch, the girls divided into teams and played out a tournament. The "Aggies" won the contest. While this sport was going on, Miss Elaine Mason taught the girls who signed up for tennis to play. After they had practiced for a few weeks, they had a doubles tournament which was won by Floriene Hand and Katie Owen. Basketball, under the direction of Miss Dorothy Boylan, had a big tournament. The girls were divided into groups according to their classes.

Champion Hockey Team

Tennis Champions, FLORIENE HAND and KATIE OWEN



Champion Volleyball Team

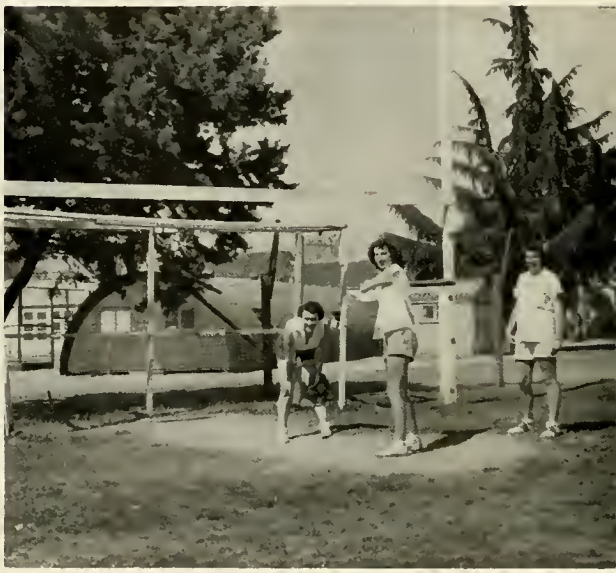
Speedball Seniors

# SPRING

The winning team consisted of seniors Floriene Hand, Ruth Kizer, Mary Serra, Louise Weber, Louise Reid, and Ruby Wright.

The semester was ended with an election of officers.

The new semester started out under President Mary Serra, Vice President Yvonne Hand, Secretary-Treasurer Bobby Gillaspie, Yell Leader Betty Bray, and the four class representatives, respectively, Pat McGee, Lila Rager, Valeta Cooney, and Carol Rafter, along with her helper Ramona Pinuela. The first sport of the semester was vollyball. At the time of this writing the "Smoes" are ahead in this sport. Following activities included Speedball and Baseball.



Softball Seniors

Mrs. Margaret Clarke
Miss Elaine Mason

What's your game?

If I were you, I'd take more interest, Miss Pleisch.

Hay, Hay.

RUSSELL REYNOLDS

BILL WETMORE

BILL CHRISTIE

TOMMY HOLLOWAY

BILL ALLSUP

# Five Fouls

MODESTO LOST TO SACRAMENTO

MODESTO LOST TO STOCKTON

MODESTO LOST TO TURLOCK

MODESTO LOST TO LODI

MODESTO WON FROM OAKDALE

MODESTO WON FROM CERES

MODESTO WON FROM HUGHSON

MODESTO WON FROM FRESNO

MODESTO WON FROM NEWMAN

Coach MICK PARSONS

The varsity basketball team had a not too successful time this year, because of the change of players in the middle of the playing season. Before the change, the first team consisted of Russ Reynolds, Bob Ustick, Bill Wetmore, John Martel, and Bill Christie. All but Christie and Martel graduated in January, but Denton Williams, Tom Holloway, Bill Allsup and Arnold Blank moved up to fill in the graduates' positions. The team showed clean sportsmanship and a fighting spirit throughout the season. These boys will all return next year with the absence of Blank, whose position will probably be filled by Ken Geist.

The hottest game this season was the one with Lodi at Modesto. Modesto led the first three quarters of a fast moving, exciting game, until in the last quarter Lodi moved up to win by only one point.

With all the spirit that it has, next year's team shows much promise.

THE A RESERVES: Left to right: Ghyraine Cunningham, Don Turner, John Martel, Don Fairchilds, Herman Johnson, Kenny Geist, Arnold Blank, and Denton Williams.

A tense moment in the Modesto-Hughson game.

BOB STEWART

KENNY McGEE

DICK HUGHES

NORMAN SANTOS

JERRY STREETER

# A Set-Up

MODESTO WON FROM SACRAMENTO

MODESTO LOST TO STOCKTON

MODESTO WON FROM TURLOCK

MODESTO LOST TO LODI

MODESTO WON FROM OAKDALE

MODESTO WON FROM CERES

MODESTO WON FROM HUGHSON

MODESTO WON FROM FRESNO

MODESTO WON FROM NEWMAN

Coach JIM FRANCIS

The Bee basketball team had a fair season, losing but four games out of a thirty game schedule. They lost to Stockton twice, and to Lodi twice also. The first team consisted of Jerry Streeter, Norman Santos, Bob Stewart, Cecil Ritz, Homer Walker, and Kenny McGee. Homer Walker replaced Dick Hughes in the middle of the season. Streeter was the outstanding Modesto player. Next year Streeter will move up to the A team. Santos made next to the highest point average on the team.

At the start of the season the B's were beating all opposition, until they traveled to Stockton for their first league game. Modesto was leading at the half but lost the game by the score of 54 to 53.

All in all, Modesto enjoyed the season, even though four games were lost.

Manager GARY SMITH

THE B SQUAD. Front row, left to right: B. Cabassi D. Hughes, T. Brown, B. Harrison. Second row: B. Ashford, C. Ritz, K. McGee, B. Ustick. Third row: N. Santos, H. Walker, G. Francek, N. Peak. Fourth row: J. Streeter B. Stewart, L. Hagen.

Manager AL NANCETT

# Track

MODESTO vs. OAKDALE

INVITATIONAL AT OAKDALE

MODESTO vs. STOCKTON

MODESTO vs. LODI

MODESTO vs. TURLOCK

CALIF. AGGIE RELAYS

BACK ROW: Left to Right: K. Schack, D. Grey, T. Gilton, R. Morgan, D. Brunswick, B. Miller, R. Johnson, J. Fagundes, A. Rash, W. Guinn, W. Lewis, B. Ustick, G. Young, E. Maurice.
SECOND FROM BACK: B. Brooks, E. Root, P. Nelson, R. Azevedo, R. Munn, D. Thurman, B. Pike, K. Falk, F. Wall, W. Sipes.
THIRD FROM BACK: C. Allen, S. Ciraolo, D. Berry, B. Bray, T. Johnson, A. Yost, R. Litke, B. Hughes, D. Holloway, B. Stewart.
BOTTOM ROW: R. Ingham, G. Davis, D. Little, A. Dionizio, G. Sanders, E. Hayes, J. Reinertson, A. Spina, D. Marlin.
INSET: Coach Neal Smith.

BACK ROW: Left to right: J. Bear, K. Wayment, B. Whitfield, D. Russell, G. Vaughan, W. Greenwood, C. Cloward, G. Mitchell, R. Freed.
MIDDLE ROW: B. Tonge, W. Adams, W. Young, R. Nichols, W. Brown, M. Guerrero.
FRONT ROW: T. Murrin, J. Tackitt, B. Davis, W. Bauman, M. Gish.
INSET: Coach Nevin McCormick.

# Schedule

DUAL NORTH - SOUTH

CONFERENCE AT SACRAMENTO

SECTIONAL AT LODI

WEST COAST RELAYS

CALIFORNIA RELAYS

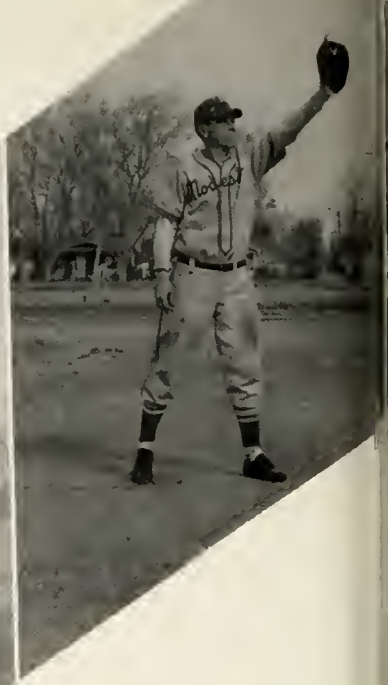
STATE MEET AT BERKELEY

BACK ROW: Left to right: E. Watson, P. Gada, N. Santos, C. Bommarito, C. Lehn, D. Wilhite.
MIDDLE ROW: LeBaron, M. Guerrero, E. Little, F. Jenkins, R. Lenahan, J. Haydock, J. Bispo.
FRONT ROW: G. Goncalves, C. Robinson, D. Althoff, G. Sanders, B. Saludes, W. Silva, J. Saras, L. Fontana.
INSET: Coach Mark Parsons.

BACK ROW: Left to right: R. Kerr, J. Trout, B. Gilmore, J. Martel, P. Soderstrom, I. Geist, B. Jones, E. Rotticci.
MIDDLE ROW: R. Yost, B. Riddle, R. Gada, J. Corson, L. St. Louis, L. Ferrel, B. Adkins, K. Switzer.
FRONT ROW: G. Sanders, A. Wend, S. Gardali, B. Hedrick, B. Terrell, K. Geist, B. McGhee.

# Ball One!

DICK WINDEMUTH
Coach



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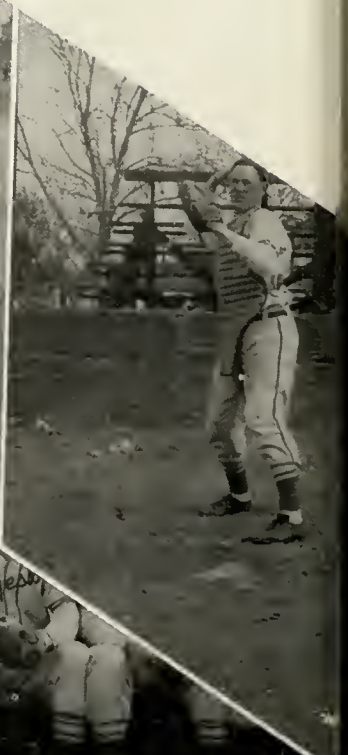
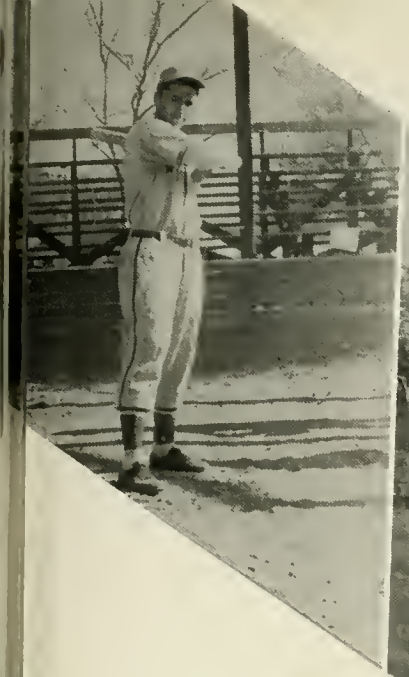
| | 16 | MANTECA | THERE |
| | 19 | OAKDALE | THERE |
| | 23 | ESCALON | HERE |
| | 30 | HUGHSON | HERE |
| APRIL | 2 | STOCKTON | HERE |
| | 9 | LODI | HERE |

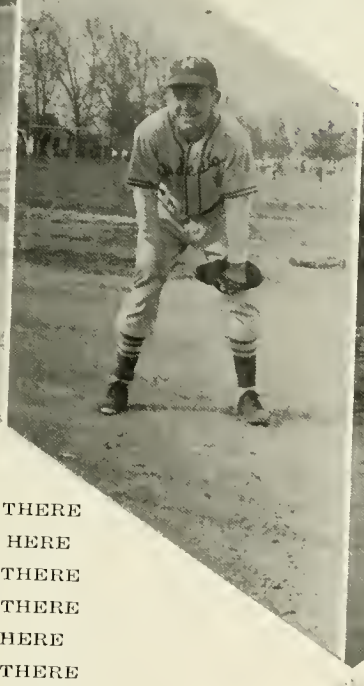


Above, counter clockwise, starting at the top: Kenny McGee, Wilfred "Moose" Rusca, Bill Christie, Bill Ringer, Dick Lang, Benny Scott, Bill Burkett.

# Strike One!

HARVEY "Dusty" RHODES ("B" Coach)





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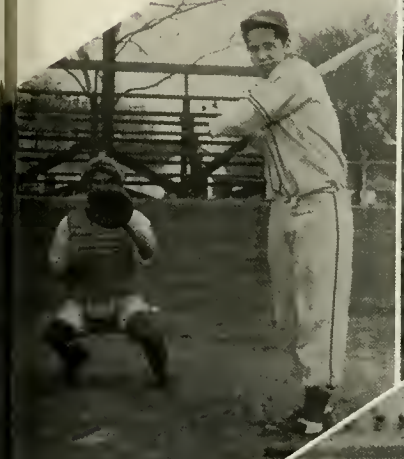
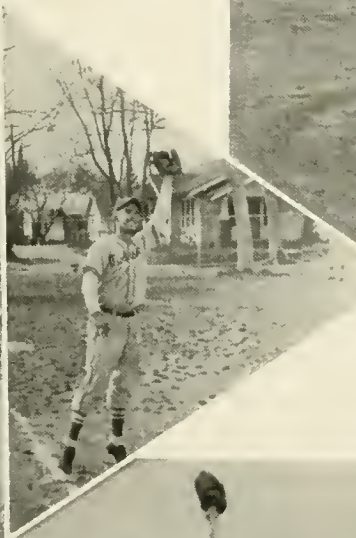
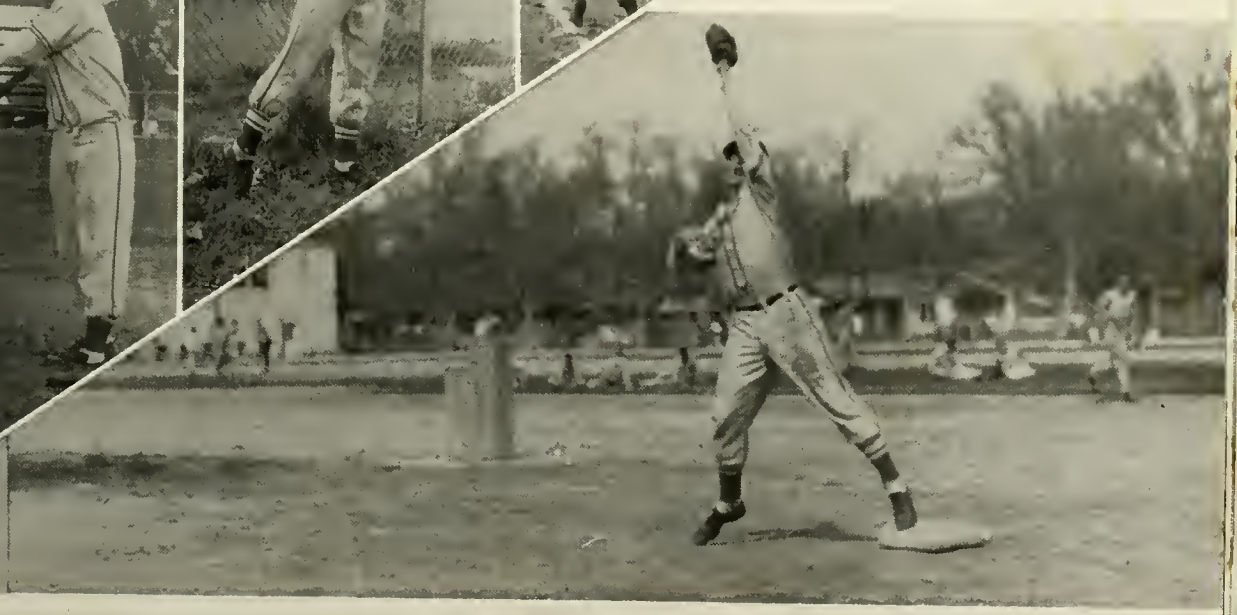




Above, clockwise starting at the top Ray Reynolds, Ray Morton, Jerry Streeter, Tom Holloway, Dick Ohland, Sam Martino, Dick Bettencourt.



Left to right, Kneeling: Bob M. Miller, R. Sanfilippo, F. Earle, B. McMath. Standing: L. Patterson, B. Simmons, D. Boge, J. Valpey, C. Nelson, G. Gagos, L. Ward.

BOB M. MILLER

# Odds and Ends

COACH JOE MEYERS and FRITZ EARL

E. ROOT and COACH MEYERS

BOB SILVA

Left to right: R. Avila, C. Morris, F. Bumgardner, Henry Solario, R. Solario, K. McKim, R. Raque, and B. Silva.

PANTHERS IN ACTION

JIM FRANCIS,
coach

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| 26 | MODESTO | VALLEJO | 9 |
| 33 | MODESTO | PITTSUBRG | 19 |
| 7 | MODESTO | SACRAMENTO | 25 |
| 0 | MODESTO | TURLOCK | 12 |
| 0 | MODESTO | STOCKTON | 6 |

AL NANCETT,
team manager

A green and inexperienced Panther eleven entered the 1947 gridiron season with only three returning veterans, center Ed Rotticci, guard Ron Sevier, and end Jerry McDaniels.

Despite pre-season comment that the team lacked the enthusiasm shown by the championship predecessors, hopes and spirits soared high following impressive wins over Vallejo and Pittsburg. Vallejo fell 26-0 and the Panthers dumped Pittsburg 33-19.

But victory was short-lived in the competition of the potent Sac-Joaquin league; the Panthers fell before Sacramento, Turlock, and Stockton before snuffing the Lodi Flame 7-0 for their first and final league win.

The Lodi game was highlighted by a ninety-

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| 7 | MODESTO | LODI | 0 |
| 0 | MODESTO | GRANT | 7 |
| 13 | MODESTO | McCLATCHY | 33 |
| 18 | MODESTO | WOODLAND | 20 |
| 6 | MODESTO | TURLOCK | 18 |

NEVIN "Bunny" McCORMICK

ED ROTTICCI, team captain

three yard sprint by hard-hitting Benny Scott, speedy fullback from the '46 rambler squad.

The Panthers next lost a heart-breaker from the fanatical Grant eleven 7-0. Against the league-leading McClatchy Lions, Modesto scored a spirited moral victory though the win went to the Capitol City Champs 33-13. After a hard-fought contest the Woodland Wolves dumped the locals by the narrow margin of 20-18. Fullback Scott was injured in the game, and Panther victory hopes dwindled.

Thanksgiving Day found Modesto-invading Turlock only to lose the traditional classic to the southern rival, 18-6.

The only returning letterman next season will be Bill Christie, who will fill left half spot.

THE RAMBLER FIRST STRING. Backfield, left to right: Ira Geist, Russ Reynolds, Warren Brown, and Sam Martino. The line, left to right: Bob Ustick, Bob Mech, Frank Fantazia, Dick Janopaul, Russ Kahre, Bill Harrington, and Joe Venturini.

# RAMBLERS

THE FOOTBALL BANQUET. Facing the camera, left to right: Benny McCormick, Dick Windemuth, Ed Rotticci, Jim Francis, and Bob Tessier of the University of California. In the inset, Rambler Coach Dick Windemuth.

THE RAMBLER SQUAD. Back row left to right: Kenny Troutman, Bob Andrus, Robert Kerr, Jim Day, William Heisel, Paul Rager, Jerry Cook, Wayne Barcus, Jess Trout, Herman Johnson, Dick Rasmussen, and Bob L. Miller. Middle row: Francis Bengston, Gordon Needham, Bill Freed, Norman Beyer, Jim Wilbur, Kenneth Garner, Bill Hansen, Kenny Geist, Dick Freed, and Richard Robbins. First row: John Tackett Bruce Terrell, Tony Mabia, Dick Marlin, Jim Vella, Bill Burkett, Bob Catlett, Dempsey Ferrier, Bill Gilmore, Donald Kennick, and Bill Ringer.

FIRST STRING B'S.
BACK ROW: Left to right: Joe Thompson, Tony Mabia, Wes Coffee, Jim Reinertson.
FRONT ROW: Left to right: Ed Maurice, Hugh Coffelt, Bill Silva, Norman Peak, Buster Whitehead, Sam LaCross, Maurice Hobbs.

B SQUAD:
FRONT ROW: Left to right: Bob Scutt, Jack Demerjian, Jesse Garcia, Steve Ciraolo, Wilbur Silva, Gene Sanders, Bob McMath, Aubrey Rash, Charles Sipes.
SECOND ROW: Left to right: Chester Beebe, Don Williams, Richard Edgecomb, Harris Zeff, Leon White, John Meintasis, Jerry Haydock, Don Holloway, Joe Cruz.
BACK ROW: Left to right: Ed Hayes, Kurt Falk, Bob Brueggemann, Bob Azevedo, Roger Ingham, Dick Hughes, Art Wolleson, Don Weston, Harvey Presnell, Denton Williams, and Burton Pike.

JOE MYERS

HARVEY "Dusty" RHODES

THE "PEE WEES"
FRONT ROW: Left to Right: R. Wisnon, L. Streeter, J. Saras, D. Abel, C. Robinson, G. Gonsalves, J. Theaker, J. Wall, B. Hukill, D. Lambert, R. Freitas, E. Ohland, J. Koonce, and S. Armentrout.
SECOND ROW: Left to right: A. Busby, J. Brownlow, D. Salsi, B. Ashford, M. Day, D. Kendall, B. Flood, T. Silva, S. Cook, R. Lee, D. Lee, D. Ustick, J. Bulleson, and J. Broughton.
LAST ROW: Left to right: Coach Neal Smith, W. Watson, C. McCoy, C. Nelson, J. Lollar, O. Lee, D. Sinclair, T. Fontana, D. Thurman, F. Wall, R. Witthoft, J. Fernandes, D Jessup, B. Tocalino, D. Johnson, D. Munz, F. Jenkins, W. Lewis, L. Stone.

# Activities and Departments

Music

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Commercial

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Block-M Society

Rally Committee

Dramatics

Art

Assemblies

Snaps

Covered Bridge
Knight's Ferry
California

# Modesto High School Band

BAND AT PRACTICE

Their activities starting with the first school week, the MHS band played for all rallies, football games, and home basketball games.

New Years Day the group played for the East-West football game in San Francisco's Kezar Stadium. They were one of the few musical organizations chosen from this part of the country.

The Twenty-sixth Annual Band Concert was held April 29.

The band also played for the Knights Ferry Centennial Celebration and all Modesto Music Festival.

FALL BAND OFFICERS: Dick Janopaul, Pat Brubaker, and Wayne Adams.

BAND DIRECTOR
MR. PAUL COPELAND

SPRING BAND OFFICERS: Top row, left to right: Ronald Lewis, Dick Janopaul and Bob Davis. Bottom row: Phyllis Crowder, Keith Switzer, and Glen Sauls.

M. H. S. BAND AND MAJORETTES

# Modesto High School Orchestra

Besides playing for banquets, baccalaureate, and graduation, the Modesto High School orchestra participated in many other activities.

During the holiday season, it was very busy. It presented a Christmas assembly for MHS students. A Twilight Musicale was given with the A Cappella Choir for the public. This was reproduced in part in an assembly for the students.

It provided the background music for "The Mikado."

The orchestra also took part in the Music Festival.

PROFESSOR MANCINI directing the symphony orchestra

FALL ORCHESTRA OFFICERS: Left to right: Pat Brubaker and Allison Giddings; not pictured: Ronald Lewis, Glen Sauls, and Phyllis Crowder.

PROFESSOR FRANK MANCINI

SPRING ORCHESTRA OFFICERS: Left to right: Allison Giddings and Marian Phoenix.

A SECTION OF THE M. H. S. ORCHESTRA: Left to right: Harlow Thomas, Kathleen Van Konyenburg, Don Weston, Jeannette King, Sue Thompson, Thelma Rezendes, Ronald Lewis, Donna Rose, James Bispo, Allison Giddings.

# Girls' and Boys' Glee

MR. ROBERT WING AND GIRLS' GLEE

MR. WING

Left:
MADRIGAL SINGERS: Top row, left to right: Ray Nichols, Harvey Presnell, David Weaver, and Bill Dooley. Bottom row: Joetta Banfield, Charlotte Don Carlos, accompanist Marilynne Erickson, Dorothy Gardner, and Pat Junker.

MR. WING AND BOYS' GLEE

# A Cappella and Mu Eta Sigma

M. H. S. A CAPPELLA CHOIR

Another very active section of the music department is the A Cappella Choir, which has performed in many functions.

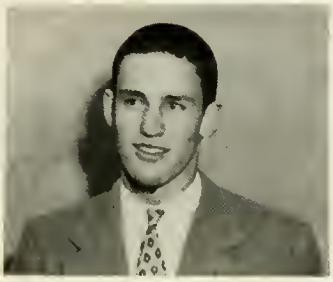
The only costumed performance of the year was the presentation of the "Mikado." This was performed in March in the boys' gymnasium.

With the entire music department, the chorus appeared in the annual Music Festival in May.

Besides giving a radio broadcast, the group received many invitations to perform for various church organizations.

The Madrigal Singers, a mixed octet from A Cappella, also made several appearances.

The honor society of the music department is the Mu Eta Sigma. This is made up of students from the band, orchestra, and the various vocal classes.



Fall and Spring President of A Cappella RAY NICHOLS

Fall and Spring Presidents of Mu Eta Sigma, GLEN SAULS and DICK JANOPAUL

FALL MU ETA SIGMA: Top row, left to right: Barbara King, Zelpha Green, and Marian Phoenix. Second row: Marvin Gish, Grace Patterakis, Barbara Baker, Janet Schrock, Joetta Banfield, Donna Bennetts, and Gordon Grover. Bottom row: Ray Nichols, Paul Rager, Dick Janopaul Bill Gilmore, Bob Davis, and Glen Sauls.

SPRING MU ETA SIGMA: Top row, left to right: Marvin Gish, Dick Janopaul, Bill Gilmore, Ray Nichols, Glen Sauls and Gordon Grover. Bottom row, left to right: Donna Bennetts, Barbara Baker, Zelpha Green, Grace Patterakis, Barbara King, Joetta Banfield, Janet Schrock, and Betty Baker.

# SOCIAL STUDIES

MISS AUDREY JACOBS'S CIVICS CLASS

MRS. MARGARET ABBOTT'S WORLD HISTORY CLASS

The MHS history course is now enlivened for juniors and seniors by membership in the Town Hall League. A new club, it promises to go far in its service and value to history students, major or sequence.

The studies in the various history classes provide excellent background for participation in club forums.

A large variety of topics is studied in Civics to give a rounded program. The course ends with the study of the United Nations.

MISS ADELINE ROSEBROCK'S WORLD AFFAIRS CLASS

# SOCIAL STUDIES

MRS. MARGUERITE LEEDY'S SENIOR PROBLEMS CLASS

MISS ADELINE ROSEBROCK'S AMERICAN HISTORY CLASS

MISS ADELINE ROSEBROCK'S AMERICAN AFFAIRS CLASS

World History, as the name implies, is a study of the history of the various civilizations of the wolrd.

World Affairs is a study of current world problems and possible solutions. A continuation of World Affairs is American Affairs. It involves working with problems concerning the United States.

The government and the early and recent history of the United States make up the course of study in American history. A final rounding-out history class is Senior Problems. Problems of the future are dealt with here.

# LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

MISS PEGGY PRESTO'S SPANISH CLASS

MISS MARY GAMBLE'S LATIN CLASS

THE SPANISH CLUB MEMBERS ARE: Top row, left to right: Bob M. Miller, Russ Reynolds, Bill Lowery, and David Weaver. Third row: Holly Heimann, Charleen Pike, Virginia Keith, Pearl Presnell, Delores Millerman, and Goldina Collins. Second row: Marlyce Hess, Mercedes Taglio, Barbara King, Janet Schrock, Gertrude Saks, Janice Hemminger, Pat McGee, and Charleen Bertolani. First row: Daniel Navon, Kathleen King, Barbara Leiter, Mary Serra, Shirley Baker, Marilyn Brown, Margaret McCabe, Carmelita Mallea, and Betty Wills.

The Language Department at Modesto High offers a variety of three languages from which students may choose. These are Spanish, French, and Latin.

All three years of Latin are taught solely by Miss Mary Gamble. Miss Lena Peron teaches the three years of French. The four years of Spanish are divided up between Misses Peron, Peggy Presto, Marian Spaan, and Mr. Edwin Rowe.

Two school dances were sponsored by the organization. The first was in October in celebration of a football victory over Lodi. The second, given in April, was the annual Para Mi, Para Ti.

During the holiday season, the Oakdale Spanish Club was guest at a Christmas party given by the MHS group.

Club executives during the year were president, Mary Serra and Pat McGee; vice-president, Glen Sauls and David Weaver; secretary, Marlyce Hess and Bill Lowery; treasurer, Bob Davis and Goldina Collins; and sergeant-at-arms, Bob M. Miller and Bob Davis. Co-editors of the club newspaper, La Charlatan, were Donna Valpey and Geraldine Cannon.

SPANISH CLUB ANNUAL PARA MI, PARA TI DANCE

MISS MARIAN SPAAN'S SPANISH CLASS

MISS LENA PERON'S FRENCH CLASS

# LIBRARY AND STUDY HALL

MISS HELEN HARTWICH,
Librarian, at her desk

TYPICAL SCENE IN THE LIBRARY

FALL LIBRARY ASSISTANTS:
Top row, left to right: Alice Bond, Eunice Bailey, Pat Sweeney, Clara Johnson, Frances Rebiero, Marlene Derivi, Ruth Anderson, and Cheryl Fantazia. Bottom row: Betty Herron, Bettie Talbot, Betty Hicks, Marlyce Hess, Christine Loucks, Frances Frizzell, Maria Noto, and Theresa Gruber.

SPRING LIBRARY ASSISTANTS: Top row, left to right: Joyce Leslie, Viola Vlach, Rita Wright, Johnnie Evans, Elsie Inderbitzen, Nita Anderholden, Eva Coito, Madeline Terra, Janice Hubbs, Ruth Anderson, and Marie Dooley. Second row: Cheryl Fantazia, Velvida Whitehead, Margaret Hernandez, Bobbie Edwards, Barbara Fondren, Pat Irwin, Janet McCabe, Pat Rager, Clara Johnson, Loy Beth Bauman, and Betty Herron. Kneeling: Boyce Ashford, Leon Bishop, and Dick Beery.

TYPICAL STUDY HALL SCENE

MR. MAURICE PHILLEO,
Study Hall Custodian,
at his desk.

# California Scholarship Federation

FALL C. S. F. CLUB: Top row: Ed Hayes, Viola Vlach, Marlyce Hess, Virginia Beery, Beverly Rinehart, Mary Jo Hart, Marian Phoenix, Marlene Derivi, and Jim Reinertson. Kneeling, Roy Keir, Bill Dooley, Dick Janopaul, Jerry Dillion, and Walter Rathhaus.

FALL C. S. F. OFFICERS: Top row: Glen Sauls, Dick Janopaul, and Gordon Grover. Bottom row: Barbara Leiter, Mary Jo Hart, and Betty Powell.

Probably the hardest club to enter and stay in is the California Scholarship Federation, co-advised here by Miss Adeline Rosebrock and Mrs. Hazel Gotshall.

Many students this past year, though, have maintained their membership. Life membership was even attained by some.

Many club events took place this year, mainly social activities. Modesto was host to a large district meeting and attended one at Washington Union High School in Centerville.

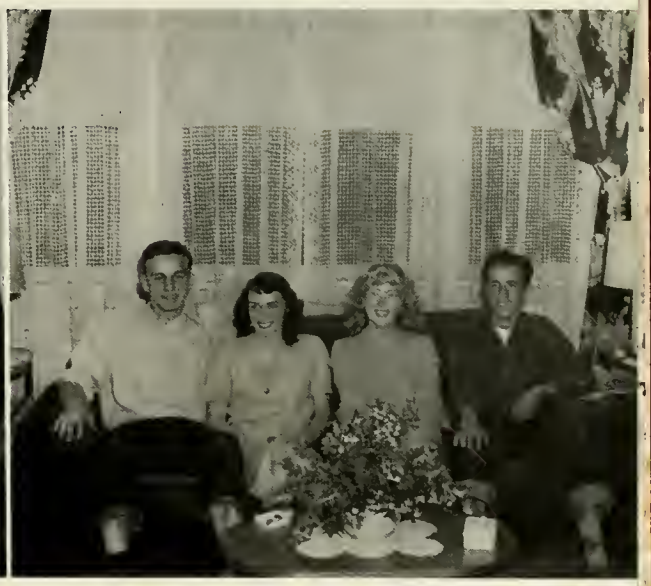
And then was the big event of the year, the day when all C. S. F.ers legally ditched school and spent the day having fun with the club.

SPRING C.S.F. OFFICERS: Top row, left to right: Marian Phoenix, Beverly Rinehart, and Betty Powell. Bottom row: Ed Hayes, and Glen Sauls.

SPRING C.S.F. CLUB: Top row, left to right: Nancy Chamberlain, Frances LaConte, Ruth Hanson, Eleanor Friedrich, Janice Collett, Carol Fisher, Joan Karsten, Clella Gentry, Ruth Kizer, Alma Dalmasso, Miriam Bibens, and Rita Kiernan. Third row: Marvin Gish, Marilyn Davis, unidentified, Jeanette King, Nadine Wood, Barbara King, Margaret Reedy, Marlyce Hess, Mary Serra, Janet Shrock, Muriel Vlach, Margaret Carlson, Donna Cohagen, Donna Merrill, Viola Vlach, Beverly Rinehart, and Juaniva Chatfield. Second row: Bob M. Miler, Marjorie Blemker, Donna Bennetts, Carmelita Mallea, Irene Smith, Cheryl Fantazia, Theo Kline, Dorothy Stocks, Shirley Watson, Velvida Whitehead, Pat Morgan, Bertha Thomas, Hazel Haditis, Barbara Hamilton, Mary Jo Hart, and Ronnie Freitas. First row: Bob Scutt, Russell Hodges, Jim Reinertson, Walter Rathhaus, Phil Soderstrom, Jerry Dillion, Dick Janopaul, Bill Dooley, Harold Schmitz, Glen Sauls, Harry Taylor, Laurence Resseguie Gordon Grover, and Robert Cornwell.

# PRESS CLUB

FALL PRESS CLUB: Top row, left to right: Pete Baird, Russ Reynolds, Bill Simmons, and Rudy Sanfilippo. Bottom row: Donna Merrill, Cheryl Fantazia, and Marlyce Hess.



Ira Geist, Shirley Baker, Donna Merrill, and Rudy Sanfilippo at an informal gathering.

Press Club ping pong champs Rudy Sanfilippo and Donna Merrill defend their title.

Keeping in mind its goal of maintaining good public relations within the community, the Press Club has had a busy year. And with Mr. W. C. Jumper as adviser, the group feels that the goal has been reached.

To make up its membership, five persons each are elected from the Broadcast and Sycamore staffs.

To be eligible, students must have at least a B average in upper division journalism. The staffs then elect their most valuable members to the club.

Also included in the program were social activities such as home meetings, dinners, and trips.

Mr. Will Jumper performs on the piano while the club sings.

SPRING PRESS OFFICERS: Rudy Sanfilippo, Secretary-treasurer; Donna Merrill, Historian; Shirley Baker, Vice President; and Ira Geist, President.

SPRING PRESS CLUB: Back row, left to right: Marlyce Hess, Donna Merrill, adviser Will Jumper, Shirley Baker and Kathleen King. Kneeling: Rudy Sanfilippo, Pete Baird, Bill Simmons, and Ira Geist.

# PUBLICATIONS

FALL BROADCAST CO-EDITORS, Bill Simmons and Rudy Sanfilippo.

To produce a paper by the students for the students is the aim of the Broadcast staff. Under the direction of Mr. W. C. Jumper that is just what the staff did this year. And very well, too, Complete coverage of all news and school activities and pictures of them was the main goal, with many interesting side-lights to brighten things up.

SPRING BROADCAST EDITOR Rudy Sanfilippo and Adviser Mr. Will Jumper.

A part of the English department, journalism is a laboratory course. That is, the students learn and do the actual publishing at the same time.

Two journalism conferences highlighted the past year for some staff members. The first one at Stanford University was attended by Broadcast members, Marlyce Hess, Rudy Sanfilipo, and Bill Simmons. Rudy Sanfilippo and Bill Simmons represented the Broadcast at the second conference at Fresno State University.

Fall co-editors Rudy Sanfilippo and Bill Simmons had as their staff Marlyce Hess, news editor; Donna Merrill, feature editor; Cheryl Fantazia and Russ Reynolds, sports editors; Lois Andres, advertising manager; and Mary Just, business manager. Lew Patterson and George Holt did the photography work.

Fall staff reporters were Kathleen King, Martha Oaks, Dorothy Silva and Darleen Buffington.

Coming back as spring editor Rudy Sanfilippo made a few staff changes. Mary Serra and Bill Simmons were made sports editors, Kathleen King became copy editor with three assistants, and Ed Maurice took over as business manager. Ken Hilliard was added as a photographer.

Reporters for the spring semester were Dolores Condit, Anita Richardson, Carmelita Mallea, Joan Karsten, Joann Codiga, Gloria Alves, Betty Jean Powell and Phil McCormick.

ASSISTANT EDITORS: Standing, left to right: Girls' Sports Editor Mary Serra and News Editor Marlyce Hess. Seated: Boys' Sports Editor Bill Simmons and Feature Editor Donna Merrill.

REMAINDER OF THE BROADCAST STAFF: Standing, left to right, Ed Maurice, Ken Hilliard, George Holt, Bob M. Miller, Phil McCormick, and Don Burch. Second row seated: Joan Karsten, Lois Andres, Gloria Alves, Dolores Condit, and Cheryl Fantazia. First row seated: Carmelita Mallea, Kathleen King, Joann Codiga, and Anita Richardson.

GOING TO PRESS! Members of the spring staff are shown in the usual Tuesday morning scramble to get to press on time. At such moments the "loft" is a real beehive of activity.

# PUBLICATIONS

SYCAMORE ADVISER Mr. Will Jumper and Business Manager Cheryl Fantazia.

Using as its theme the discovery of gold in 1848, the 1948 Sycamore staff has put out what it believes to be a very worthy book.

Under the capable editorship of Donna Merrill, an able staff did its very best in trying to compile the "bestest book ever". Moments highly hilarious or heartbreaking were experienced by all, but the fervent hope that the results will be considered worth the efforts overruled all other emotions.

SYCAMORE EDITOR Donna Merrill and Associate Editor Russ Reynolds.

During the fall semester two journalism conferences were attended by members of the staff. Representing the Sycamore at Stanford University were Donna Merrill, Shirley Baker, and Russ Reynolds. Traveling to Fresno State University for the second conference was Donna Merrill. Donna also participated in a radio broadcast from there, which was presented over station KMJ.

"Neewollah Nuf" was the name of the Halloween dance given October 31 after the Modesto-Lodi football game. The purpose of this was to help raise money to finance this yearbook. Money was also raised by selling programs at football games, operating a booth for Frolic Day, and sponsoring a variety show.

The staff remained the same all year except for two mid-term graduates and additions made in the spring semester.

With Russ Reynolds as associate editor, Donna named her staff thus: Cheryl Fantazia, business manager; Marlyce Hess, copy editor; Pete Baird, photographer; Joice Johnson, photography editor; Betta Born, girls' sports; and Ira Geist, boys' sports editor. Art was done by Shirley Baker and Ed Hayes, while Bob L. Miller drew the cartoons.

Spring staff additions were Nancy Wagner, Margaret Reedy, Nina Able, Bob Jones, and Phil McCormick.

STAFF SUB-EDITORS: Standing, left to right: Marlyce Hess, Joice Johnson and Pete Baird. Seated: Betta Born, Shirley Baker, and Ira Geist.

SYCAMORE DANCE "NEEWOLLAH NUF"

REMAINDER OF SYCAMORE STAFF: Standing, left to right: Joe Venturini and Gary Smith. Seated: Ed Rotticci, Diane Stewart, and Tony Ladakis.

# TRADES AND INDUSTRIES

MR. SAM PRICE'S PRINT SHOP CLASS

This past year the Trades and Industries Department showed everyone just what it could do. A model of the proposed Memorial Hospital was constructed by the advanced mechanical drawing class. Eighteen boys from Mr. Ernest Goodwin's classes erected a full-sized club house in Enslen Park.

Under the direction of Mr. Jack Mencaccy, the aeronautics classes completely rebuilt, recovered, and gave a one hundred hour check on the engine of a plane owned by a local businessman.

The printing of forms for MHS was done by the print shop boys and Mr. Sam Price.

WORKING ON A CAR

CRAFTSMAN CLUB OFFICERS: Left to right: Gary Parker, Bill Richardson, and Ralph Bambacigno.

MR. EDGAR HACKETT'S AUTO MECHANICS CLASS

MR. ERNEST GOODWIN'S WOODWORK CLASS

MR. EARL BOTTOMLEY'S GENERAL SHOP CLASS

# TRADES AND INDUSTRIES

WORKING ON AN AIRPLANE

With their annual banquet in January as the main event of the year, the Craftsman Club was by no means inactive this year.

With the Girls' Athletic Association, they co-sponsored a dance after the Modesto-Woodland football game.

The organization made seven hundred and fifty dollars in the fall semester alone by printing and selling programs and selling reserved seats at football games.

Club officers for the '47-'48 school year were Bill Richardson, president; Gary Parker, vice-president; and Ralph Bambacigno, secretary-treasurer.

MR. BOYCE ASHFORD'S SHOP CLASS

THE AERONAUTICS CLASS

SHOP SCIENCE CLASS IN ACTION

THE CRAFTSMAN CLUB MEMBERSHIP

FALL OFFICERS FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA: Top row, left to right: Leslie Lee, Wesley Hackett, Bob Ustick, and Joe Lederle. Bottom row: Lewis Lee, Don Vierra, and Ray Reynolds.

# AGRICULTURE

With their annual Barn Dance and Carnival in April, the MHS Chapter of the Future Farmers of America topped the year's activities.

An important project of the department is maintaining and operating the feed mill. This grinds feed for members and outsiders. During the past year 108 tons of feed were ground. This brought in approximately $30,000.

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA: Top row, left to right: Dee Hansen, Manuel Alfonso, Ralph Bert, Clinton Skiles, Al Bartis, Donald Dovichi, Lee Anthony, Ronald French, Merle Bauman, Norbert Hackett, Joe Oliveira, Bill McGhee, Ronald Kuhn, Bill Martin, Mike Kline, Isidor Von Rotz, Joe Reis, Merlyn Reineke, Gene Goncalves, Richard Johnson, and unidentified. Fourth row, left to right: Cornelius Welch, Calvin Buck, James Danna, Bob Pereira, Roland McGee, James Crutcher, Roland Wise, Jesse Miller, James Easton, Ronnie Harrison, Chester Champion, Clarence Bye, Leland Wright, Sam LaCross, Jim Souza, Leland Heinrich, Wayne Brown, Barrett Baird, Jack Boose, Joe Alvero and Bob Pace. Third row: Harvey Jensen, Tony Diliberto, Jerry Cook, Oran Vares, John Greff, Ray Winorm, Pius Scheuber, Joe Lederle, Bill Scheuber, Gerald Hawkins, Don McCart, Bob McMath, Thurman Belcher, Paul Moore, Bill Stroud, Clarence Bye, John Henriques, Domenic Serra, Mark Rumble, and Jim Codoni. Second row: Mr. Everett Spafford, Mr. Roy Lippert, Ray Reynolds, Leslie Lee, Darrell Bray, Lewis Lee, Jim Paioni, Al Schaapman, Glen Lucas, Wilfred Rusca, Ira Geist, Sam Martino, Wesley Hinkson, Hans Boege, Delbert Bick, Dean Russell, Erwin Harwell, Ben Puckett, Harry Brown, Mr. Harold Stanley. Bottom row: Richard Ball, Homer Ewin, Orvel Gish, Don Schmitz, David Kemos, Dick Thurman, Conrad Nelson, Gary Johnson, David Bowman, Robert Cornwell, Harry Deckert, Rex Zellman, Farrell Jenkins, Ronnie Hughes, Carroll Cavener, Don Scott, Joe Hertle, Raymond O'Neal, Dick Pearson, and Mr. Ernest Tarone.

ACTIVITIES AND CLASSES IN THE AG DEPARTMENT

# HOMEMAKING

Social service to community and school is foremost in the activities of the Homemaking Department.

Services such as catering for dinners, making curtains for hospitals, and numerous similar actions were performed without hesitation throughout '47-'48.

FALL OFFICERS FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA: Left to right: Katie Owen, Wanda Hicks, Marie Celetti, Connie Bowman, and Sally Stisher.

FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA: Top row, left to right: Dorothy Jenkins, Laura Twisselman, Victoria Ormande, Margaret Ormonde, Hazel Hendrickson, Marian Clark, Alice Brace, Bobbie Harrington, Patsy Gray, Veva Morgan, Dorothy Snyder, unidentified, and Gloria Wade. Fourth row: Irene Harvey, Dorothy Caterino, Ruby Wright, Johnnie Evans, Rita Wright, Maxine Gibbs, Joneda Hamilton, Betty Doughty, Lila Flanagan, Lucy Stafford, Maxine Heath, Loville Duncan, Patsy Drum, Phyllis Hudson, Bonnie Cherry, Billie Jean Jones, and Margaret Schutte. Third row: Mildred Burns, Virginia Armstrong, unidentified, Beverly DeHart, Dorothy Harrington, Lois Pampell, Betty Parshall, Lee Graham, Christine Loucks, Esther McLaughton, unidentified, Ailene Avilla unidentified, Marlene Wilson, Dorothy Edmondson, Janice Brown, and Norma Badal. Second row: Mrs. Lillian Bleil, Dola Fae Clark, Sally Stisher, Betty Cain, Agnes Von Litz, Wanda Hicks, Lola Smith, Jean Palombi, Virginia Stewart, Carol Hurlburt, Earlene Fulfer, Betty Kilbury, Mary Avilla, Nina Georgkakakis, Florence Johnson, Billie Ladyman, and Diane Saxford. Front row: Betty Harms, Mina Lou Croslin, Norma Sneed, Doris Braden, Marie Celetti, Beverly Doughty, Kathleen Thompson, Betty Johnson, Joyce Knowles, Myrtle Wolf, Lee Freitas, Gloria Presfield, and Barbara Kendall.

SPRING OFFICERS OF THE FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA: Left to right: Adviser Mrs. Lillian Bleil, Betty Cain, Wanda Hicks, Mildred Burns, Johnnie Evans, Maxine Gibbs, Marie Celetti, Doris Braden, and Norma Sneed.

MRS. LEILA BASHOR'S CLASS

CHRISTMAS PARTY

MISS IRENE DAVIS'S COOKING CLASS

# COMMERCIAL

FALL COMMERCIAL CLUB OFFICERS: Left to right: Carmen Guerrero, Phyllis Hickox, Norrine Johnson, and Frances LoConte.

Perhaps the largest department in school, the Commercial Department gives as the reason for this fact that it offers four different courses.

These are the secretarial course, bookkeeping, store service, and general clerical course. The general clerical course, new this year, presents office work without shorthand.

The demand for shorthand and typing makes it necessary to make the department even larger next year.

Awards were given for typing, in which speed and accuracy were emphasized. In the spring the 12A seniors took a National Clerical and Ability Test to see how they rated nationally. Transcription awards were given to shorthand students whose speed merited them, while bookeeping majors earned awards in their field.

MISS BLYTHE SLAUGHTER'S TYPING CLASS

MRS. VIRGINIA JOHNSON'S EVERYDAY BUSINESS CLASS

MR. ROBERT DIEHL'S BUSINESS ARITHMETIC CLASS

FALL COMERCIAL CLUB: Top row, left to right: Violet Keller, Jean Palombi, Kathryn Melson, Mrs. Adelaide Chubbuck, Elise Inderbitzen, Louise Inderbitzen, Doris Tyra, Lucille Ray, Minnie Burks, Helen Nungesser, Maureen McGowin, Doris Krohn, and Evelyn Streeter. Second row: Barbara Brown, Norrine Johnson, Viola Vlach, Margie Smith, Margie Santos, Frances LoConte, Phyllis Hickox, Donna Bennett, Carmen Guerrero, Eleanor Roman, Connie Bowman, Mary Ann Adams, Lavada Potter, Velvida Whitehead, and Ruth Kizer. First row: Shirley Lemmon, Kirby Throckmorton, Pauline Burks, Alice Bond, Louise Weber, Rita Kiernan, Victoria Ormonde, Mary McCormick, Ruth Kelsey, Barbara Kizer and Virginia Beery.

# COMMERCIAL

The MHS Commercial Club now considers itself back on its feet again. During the war years it had been disbanded, and was re-organized last year. The group numbered fifty juniors and seniors both in the fall and spring semesters.

Many social events were held by the club during '47-'48.

A reception was held for new members in October to acquaint them with group functions.

They had a Christmas party, and in February there was an ice skating party. In May was a farewell get together for the graduating seniors.

Also during the year field trips, locally and out-of-town, were made by the members at which time they went through business offices and inspected office procedures.

SPRING COMMERCIAL CLUB OFFICERS: Left to right: Pauline Burks, Rita Kiernan, Mrs. Adelaide Chubbuck, Louise Weber, and Margie Smith.

MR. JOSEPH MYERS'S BOOKKEEPING CLASS

MR. HARRY STEINBERGER'S RETAILING CLASS

MRS. THELMA ZINGLE'S OFFICE PRACTICE CLASS

SPRING COMMERCIAL CLUB: Top row, left ot right: Shirley Lemmon, Victoria Ormonde, Elsie Inderbitzen, Doris Tyra, Doris Krohn, Norrine Johnson, Lucille Ray, and Kathryn Melson. Second row: Mrs. Adelaide Chubbuck, Jean Palombi, Margie Santos, Frances LoConte, Mary McCormick, Lonise Weber, Ruth Kelsey, Mary Ann Adams, Barbara Kizer, Virginia Beery, Eleanor Roman, Lavada Potter, Velvida Whitehead, Viola Vlach, and Barbara Brown. First row: Connie Bowman, Alice Bond, Donna Bennett, Kirby Throckmorton, Violet Keller, Ruth Kizer, Rita Kiernan, Margie Smith, Pauline Burks, Phyllis Hickox, and Carmen Guerrero.

# ENGLISH

The National Forensic League this year has been an active organization with an unusually large membership. Its members participated in six interschool events at Tracy, Modesto, Ripon, Modesto, Fresno State, and the College of the Pacific. N. F. L.'ers certainly won their share of the honors in '47-'48.

NATIONAL FORENSIC LEAGUE: Top row, left to right: Roy Keir, Glen Sauls, Miss Margaret Painter, Ed Hayes, Mrs. Evelyn Hanshaw, Nick Dress, Suzanne Dryen, and Dick Janopaul. Bottom row: Dolores Bates, Charleen Bertolani, Nadine Moore, Marian Phoenix, Marlene Derivi, and Dorothy Brous.

This spring for the third successive year the N. F. L. sponsored the Frosh - Soph Speech Tournament featuring debate and informal speeches.

With the announcement of Coach Margaret Painter's resignation, in her honor the League members successfully engineered a surprise reunion dinner which was attended by more than seventy of her former honor speakers. As the club's original sponsor and the supervisor of most of the school's speech activities, the N. F. L. will certainly miss her.

If anyone wants a speech made to raise money, to celebrate a patriotic holiday, or to enlighten the public about the school, he calls on the Speakers' Bureau. In the first semester this group gave innumerable appeals and presented an elaborate radio program in the campaign for the Modesto Memorial Hospital. Members of the class participated in speaking contests sponsored by the Lions' Club and the Native Sons of the Golden West, as well as in debate, declamation, oratory, and radio speaking contests in interscholastic high school tournaments.

Panel discussions on the controversial subject, "Does the high school student know the value of the dollar?" were given before the high school and elementary school Parent Teachers' Associations. And as their most ambitious project, a series of ten weekly programs featuring school activities was presented by the Speakers' Bureau over KTRB.

SPEAKERS' BUREAU: Top row, left to right: Beverly Frane, Charleen Bertolani, Suzanne Dryden, Mary Jo Hart, Marlene Derivi, and Marian Phoenix. Bottom row: Bill Leach, Nick Dress, Glen Sauls, and Roy Keir.

BELOW: Pat Morgan, Jim Reinertson, Bill Dooley, Mary Jo Hart, Walter Rathhaus, Marian Phoenix, Russell Hodges, and Bill Leach broadcasting for the school radio program.

MISS MARGARET PAINTER announcing winners in the Speech Festival at MHS.

MISS MARTHA BRANN'S FRESHMAN ENGLISH CLASS

# ENGLISH

The English Department handled some of the most important events of the school year. Mrs. Evelyn Hanshaw heads this department, and teaches English Masterpieces.

The annual school play, this year, "Seven Sisters", was the primary effort of the drama department. The cast included such outstanding dramatic students as Nadine Moore, Charleen Bertolani, and Bill Armell. It was directed by Mr. Greydon Milam, instructor of dramatics. Also under the direction of Mr. Milam, the classes presented a few one-act plays and declamations, which were given to community groups and at various speech festivals. Mr. Milam coached the participants of the school operetta, "The Mikado," in their acting.

FALL WRITERS' CLUB: Top row, left to right: Dick Simpson, Lowell Beachler, Nick Dress, Eugene Crismon, and Russ Reynolds. Bottom row: Janet Schrock, Suzanne Dryden, Beverly Rinehart, Mary Just, and Marlene Derivi.

Mr. Will Jumper and his Creative Writing class wrote a few comic lines for the operetta. This writing class also made up a radio script having to do with the coming of the Freedom Train to Modesto. It was presented over station KTRB by the Speakers' Bureau.

Modesto High speakers carried away honors in the various fields offered them. Marian Phoenix, Ed Hayes, Jim Reinertson, and Glen Sauls were all outstanding in this field, while Marlene Derivi carried away honors in the Lions Club Contest. After winning the regional and zone contests, she went to Santa Barbara with Miss Painter, speech coach, and participated in the semi-finals.

MR. GREYDON MILAM'S Dramatics Class

A scene from "THE MIKADO"

MISS GLADYS SWEARINGEN'S American Literature Class

A scene from "THE MIKADO"

# SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

MR. ROLAND LOEFFLER'S BIOLOGY CLASS

Mr. Harold Hutchinson has been head of the Science Department for a number of years and in these years has helped hundreds of students to have a better grasp of why and how civilization has advanced scientifically.

Ten credits in science are required for graduation from high school. This requirement may be satisfied either with the biological sciences or the physical sciences. The freshman science course is general science and the sophomore course biology, with the other sciences available for juniors and seniors.

MR. HAROLD HUTCHINSON'S PHYSICS LAB.

The Modesto High School Wildlife Club was organized in October, 1947, for the purpose of bringing together all boys who are interested in wildlife biology as a career. Free trips taken to suitable habitat areas here in the valley, trips to universities, and an annual overnight field trip were some of the activities participated in by the members.

Fall Officers: Pres. Bob Jones, Vice-Pres. Bob Fullerton, Sec. Bruce Johnston, Treas. Danny Gotshall.

Spring Officers: Bob Fullerton, Bud Gorman, Philip Soderstrom; Laurie Resseguie.

MEMBERS OF WILDLIFE CLUB ARE: Back row, left to right: Francis Bengston, Bob Fullerton, Ed Boland, Don Fairchilds, Phil Soderstrom, Ed Rotticci, Bob Jones, Mr. Donald Drake. Second Row, left to right: Bob Maffey, Ray Gada, Danny Gotshall, Richard Baird, Bud Gorman, James Kerr, Roland Nance. Front row, left to right: Bruce Johnson, Douglas Halbert, Jerry Pierrou, Laura Ressigue, Bill Vaccaro, Jim Larrick.

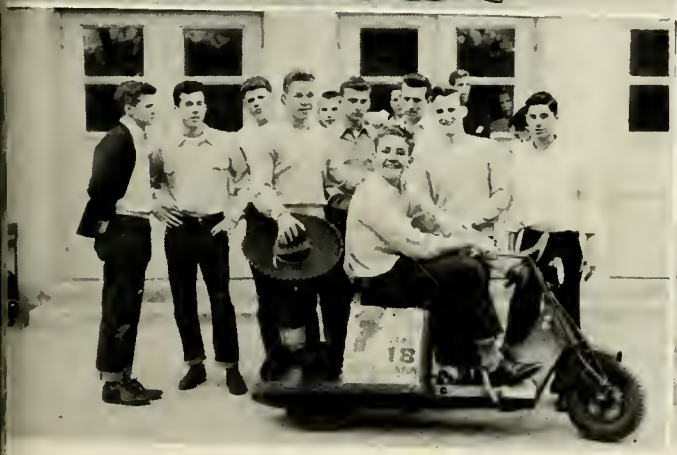
The head of the Mathematics Department at Modesto High School is Miss Jennie Cowan, who teaches trigonometry.

The department offers a choice of practical mathematics, algebra, plane and solid geometry, which are taught by Mrs. Stella Giovanetti, Mr. Harold Hutchinson, Mrs. Leila Prothero, Mr. Arthur Eggers, Mr. Dorwin Lueth, and Mr. Charles Eisenhut.

Mathematics training is designed to give students the mathematics they need in daily life and practice in logical thinking as well as to fulfil the requirements for college entrance.

# Hi-Y and Tri-Y

To the right are the advisers and officers of the Tri-Y: Janet Gilmore, Pat Van Vlear, Miss Marilyn Pleisch, Janet McCabe, Miss Elaine Mason, Janice Clark, Claudette Wheeler, Miss Betty Friedman, and Marian Phoenix.



Top Picture, the Hi-Y membership poses formally.
Bottom Picture. An informal shot of the Hi-Y members.

Middle Picture. Two thirds of Tri-Y membership poses for its picture.
Bottom Picture. The other third faces the camera.

The spring Hi-Y members began an extensive campaign to help clean up the campus. They cleaned and painted garbage cans and placed attractive posters around the school. They also assisted in Health and Safety Week.

Besides general meetings, the Hi-Y Club held a bean feed in the high school cafeteria. Mr. James Corson spoke to the group.

Officers of the club were: Fall. President Bill Wetmore, Vice-president Bill Tonge, Secretary Arnold Wilhelmi, and Treasurer Bill Riddle. Spring. President Arnold Wilhelmi, Vice-president Burton Pike, Secretary Harold Young, and Treasurer Ronnie Litke.

The Tri-Y girls sold peanuts at all the football games during September. In October they sponsored the Autumn Dance with the help of the F. F. A., a dance which was a great success. In March they organized two new clubs for junior girls called the Tri Beta Chi and the Tri Delta.

May was the month in which the Tri-Y and Hi-Y sponsored the Senior and Alumni Breakfast.

Officers of the club were: Fall. President Joyce Dooley, Vice-president Donna Valpey, Secretary Dorothy Hoskins, Treasurer Marian DeHegy, and Publicity Chairman Carolyn Schoenfeld. Spring. President Pat Van Vlear, Vice-president Janet Gilmore, Secretary Donna Valpey, Treasurer Mary Ann Adams, and Publicity Chairman Marian DeHegy.

CHUCK CIRAOLO, President

GARY SMITH, Vice President

RAY MORTON, Secretary-Treasurer

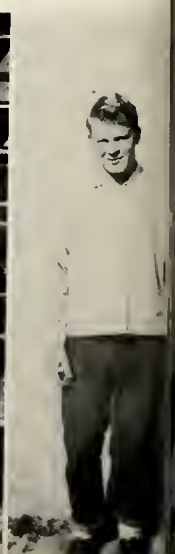
Under the able leadership of Mr. Richard Windemuth, the Block M held meetings in which the plans for the annual frolic day dance were discussed. During the fall the Block M wasn't very active due to the fact that most of the members were on the various football squads, and anything that they planned might have interfered with football.

The spring officers are as follows: President, Charles Ciraolo; Secertary-treasurer, Ray Morton.

There was some controversy over the underclassmen wearing Block M's.

The membership is as follows: Bob Jones, Gary Smith, Ed Rotticci, Ira Geist, Tom Holloway, Richard Bettencourt, Ron Sevier, Bob M. Miller, Bob L. Miller, Ray Morton, Chuck Ciraolo, LeRoy Silva, Phillip Soderstrom, Bill Wetmore, Herman Johnston, Ray Reynolds, Domenic Serra, Paul Rager, Joe Venturini, Benny Scott, Dick Ohland, Dave Wesson, Sam Gardali, Jerry Streeter, Earl Bedoian, Russell Reynolds, Dick Marlin, Denton Williams, Bill Allsup, John Martel, Bill Christie, Bill Kline, Bill Whitfield, Roger Ingham, Dick Hurlburt, Bob Mech, and Zenith Briggs.

BLOCK "M" MEMBERS ARE: Left to right, front row: T. Holloway, C. Ciraolo, S. Gardali, J. Streeter, R. Bettencourt, E. Bedoian, R. Hurlburt. Second row: R. Reynolds, D. Serra, G. Smith, P. Rager, J. Venturini, B. Scott, R. Ohland, and D. Wesson. Third row: L. Silva, P. Soderstrom, B. Wetmore, B. Jones, B. Miller, H. Johnston, R. Morton, and E. Rotticci.



ED ROTTICCI outstanding member

# RALLY COMMITTEE

BACK ROW: Barbara Leiter, Joanne Codiga, Betty Hansen, Pat Clougher, Beverly Rinehart, Gordon Born, Joe Thompson, Bob M. Miller, Bill Christie. Third row: Betta Born, Jackie Born, Beverly Button, Shirley Baker, Barbara Baker, Diane Rolando, Pat Junker, Connie Bowman, Marian Phoenix, Mary Jo Hart. Second row: Bill Tonge, Phyllis Crowder, Katie Owen, Zelpha Green, Marilyn Brown, Nancy Johnson, Daulton Hatch, Bob Davis. First row: David Wesson, Domenic Serra, John Miller.

Miller
SEVEN SISTERS.
THE TRIALS AND PROBLEMS OF A HUNGARIAN MOTHER AS SHE GETS HER SEVEN DAUGHTERS MARRIED OFF — SUITORS ARE PLENTY AND TROUBLE-SOME. IT MAKES A GOOD PLAY
BENO

# DRAMATICS

After much uncertainty over all types of plays, Greydon Milam chose as the senior play none other than Edith Ellis's, "The Seven Sisters", naming Dee Moore as the leading character. After the cast had been selected, Mr. Milam journeyed to San Francisco, choosing the proper costumes at Goldsteins'.

The members of the cast were: Mrs. Gyurkovics, a widow, Mary Lou Krohn; Katinka, Charleen Bertaloni; Sari, Dona Byrne; Ella, Dorothy Gardner; Mitzi, Dee Moore; Terka, Violet Keller; Liza, Marlene Derivi; Klara, Freida Burton; Colonel Radivany, Roy Keir; Gida Radivany, Melvin Appel; Ferenz Horkoy, Bill Armell; Michael Sandorffy, Louis Lee; Toni Teleki, Pete Baird; Janko, Herman Laxson.

The Technical staff which worked as hard as the cast was: Pete Hartman, Pete Baird, and Bill Armell.

THE CASTS: Top row, left to right: Louis Lee, Pete Baird, Mel Appel, Bill Armell. Second row, left to right: Herman Laxson, Roy Kier. First row, left to right: Dona Byrne, Mary Lou Krohn, Dee Moore, Violet Keller, Freida Burton.

THE LEADING CHARACTERS OF THE SCHOOL PLAY ARE: Left to right: Bill Armell who plays the part of the dashing soldier, Ferenz Horkoy. Dee Moore as the risque Mitzi who gets kicked out of a convent and returns home to make trouble for her sisters. Charleen Bertolani as the conscientious older sister, who surprised the others by hooking the most available bachelor. Roy Kier as Colonel Radivany.

THE STAGE CREW ARE AS FOLLOWS: Left to right: John Martel, Bob Hedrick, Bill Armell, Mel Appel, Pete Baird, Tom Johnson, Roy Kier.

# ART

MRS. GROSS'S
FIGURE DRAWING CLASS

MISS ARIEY'S
COMMERCIAL ART CLASS

MRS. SCHROCK'S
APPLIED ARTS CLASS

In fine arts, the tendency to be creative was stressed in composition, figure drawing, color, design, and landscape work. Mrs. Ida Gross's encouragement and enthusiasm in this field bring out the creative ability of her students.

The applied art classes, under the supervision of Mrs. Isabel Schrock, have accomplished beautiful work in leathercraft, stenciling, modern art, ceramics, and wood carving. Color, design, and emphasis on the basic principles of structure are developed.

In the commercial art department, a newcomer, Miss Jean Ariey, has created interest in modern advertising and poster work.

The Art Department has brought considerable attention to itself because of its outstanding work and skilled supervision.

ED HAYES and SHIRLEY BAKER, outstanding students from the advanced Fine Arts classes.

STUDENTS WHO SHOW GREAT PROMISE IN THE FINE ART CLASSES: Front row, left to right: Bobby Takasian, Mary Cummans, Marlene Derivi, Jean Burt. Back row, left to right, Nancy Warren, Barbara Bauer, Bob Miller, Lowell Beachler, Richard Stein, Kenneth Gilmore, Bev Rinehart, Eleanor Friedrich, and Janet Schrock.

ELEANOR FRIEDRICH and MARY SERRA doing superior work in the Leathercraft classes.

MISS ARIEY'S
ACE COMMERCIAL ARTISTS

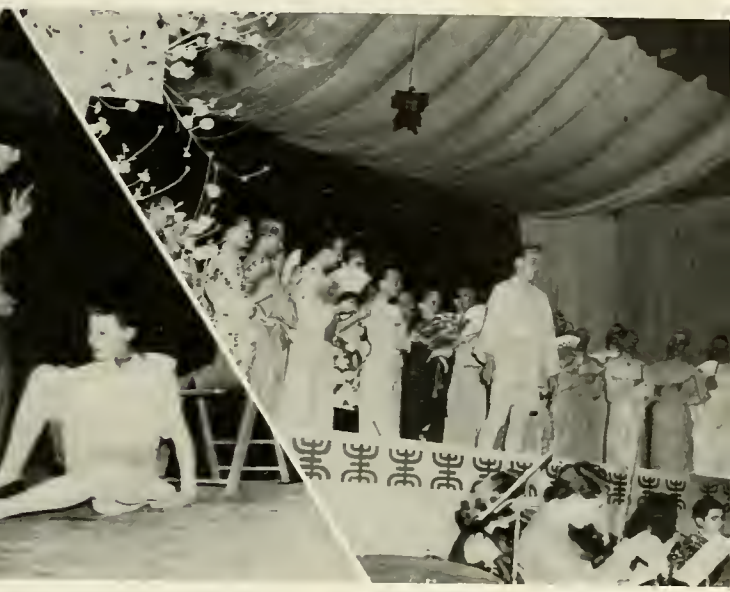
DORIS KROHN and BONNIE NICHOLSON, accomplished students in the field of Applied Arts.

# ASSEMBLIES

ASSEMBLY ON INDIA



EARL WILBUR IS MISTREATED BY HIS ESCORT AT AN ASSEMBLY



THE "MIKADO" ASSEMBLY

Modesto High School was presented with various types of assemblies throughout the year.

During the football and basketball seasons there were many pep game rallies which gave the student body even greater spirit. The National Talent Assemblies sent to us professional performers with outstanding entertainment. Since this ranged from magicians to musicians, the assemblies were enjoyed by all.

Local talent also was displayed at the annual Freshman-Sophomore assembly, which carried through the centennial idea.

Because of the lack of an auditorium, the boys' gym was overcrowded during assemblies, but this didn't hinder the enjoyment of the program by the student body.

HAPPY HOLIDAY—JUGGLING ACT

BUZ GALAS
IMPERSONATES LILY PONS

FRESHMAN - SOPHOMORE ASSEMBLY

TWILIGHT MUSICALE ASSEMBLY

PACIFIC BIBLE COLLEGE MUSICAL ASSEMBLY

# Snaps

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# Autographs

Loads of Luck.
To a swell cousin
Marlene
Cover

Good Luck
in the future.
Hope you have
many happy
years to come
Dorothy
Cover

Good luck, Donald —
Sarah Lee Bowman

To a really swell
guy were really
always had a
lot of fun I
certainly miss
you in the coming
years
Jean
Jerome
"49"

Lots of luck
to a "swell kid"
Ellen

Good luck
to a good friend
and cousin
Daniel Bauman

# Autographs

Best of Luck,
to a cousin
Myrna Kline
"51"

Best of wishes
and everything
to a friend
who helped me
enjoy high school.
Lowell Beachler

Donald: —
Best of luck in
everything.
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**HONORED**—Six of the seven American Farmer degree holders of the Modesto Chapter, Future Farmers of America, were present at the recent chapter parent-son banquet. Shown above are Charles Bowman, the first to earn the degree, highest offered by the FFA, Raymond Sisk, Charles Harding, Dr. A. E. (Mike) Kline, William Heinrich, and the most recent winner, Edwin Genasci, currently president of the Associated Students of Modesto Junior College. Bowman has three sons who have been active in the chapter.

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